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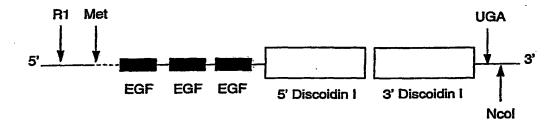
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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to a member of a novel gene family referred to as developmentally-regulated endothelial cell locus-1(del-1). In particular, the invention relates to del-1 nucleotidesequences, Del-1 amino acid sequences, methods of expressing a functional gene product, and methods of using the gene and gene product. Structurally, members of this gene family contain three EGF-like domains and two discoidin I/factor VIII-like domains. Since del-1 is expressed in endothelial cells and certain cancer cells, it may be useful as an endothelial cell and tumor marker. In addition, the ability of Del-1 to inhibit vascular formation allows its use as an anti-angiogenic agent.

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10 1. INTRODUCTION

The present invention relates to a member of a novel gene family referred to as developmentally-regulated endothelial cell locus-1 (del-1). In particular, the invention relates to del-1 nucleotide sequences, Del-1 amino acid sequences, methods of expressing a functional gene product, antibodies specific for the gene product, and methods of using the gene and gene product. Since del-1 is expressed in endothelial cells and certain cancer cells, it may be useful as an endothelial cell and tumor marker. In addition, the ability of Del-1 protein to inhibit vascular formation provides for its use as an anti-angiogenic agent.

2. BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

2.1. ENDOTHELIAL CELL BIOLOGY AND BLOOD VESSEL DEVELOPMENT

The endothelium occupies a pivotal position at the interface between the circulating humoral and cellular elements of the blood, and the solid tissues which constitute the various organs. In this unique position, endothelial cells regulate a large number of critical processes. Such processes include leukocyte adherence and transit through the blood vessel wall, local control of blood vessel tone, modulation of the immune response, the balance between thrombosis and thrombolysis, and new blood vessel development (Bevilacqua et al., 1993, J. Clin. Invest 91:379-387; Folkman et al., 1987, Science 235:442-447; Folkman et al., 1992, J. Biol. Chem. 267:10931-10934; Gimbrone, 1986, Churchill Livingstone, London; Issekutz, 1992, Curr. Opin. Immunol.

4:287-293; Janssens et al., 1992, J. Biol. Chem. 267:14519-14522; Lamas et al., 1992, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 89:6348-6352; Luscher et al., 1992, Hypertension 19:117-130; Williams et al., 1992, Am. Rev. Respir. Dis. 146:S45-S50; 5 Yanagisawa, et al., 1988, Nature 332:411-415).

Endothelial cell dysfunction has been postulated as a central feature of vascular diseases such as hypertension and atherosclerosis. In this context, the ability of the endothelium to synthesize smooth muscle cell mitogens and

- 10 factors which control smooth muscle contraction has received
 much attention (Janssens et al., 1992, J. Biol. Chem.
 267:14519-14522; Lamas et al., 1992, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.
 U.S.A. 89:6348-6352; Luscher et al., 1992, Hypertension
 19:117-130; Raines et al., 1993, Br. Heart J. 69:S30-S37;
- 15 Yanagisawa et al., 1988, Nature 332:411-415). The endothelial cell has also become the focus of attention in the study of diseases which are not primarily vascular in nature. Diverse disease processes such as adult respiratory distress syndrome, septic shock, solid tumor formation, tumor
- 20 cell metastasis, rheumatoid arthritis, and transplant rejection are now understood to be related to normal or aberrant function of the endothelial cell. A rapidly increasing number of pharmacologic agents are being developed whose primary therapeutic action will be to alter endothelial
- 25 cell function. In addition, recent attention on gene therapy has focused on the endothelial cell (Nabel et al., 1991, J. Am. Coll. Cardiol. 17:189B-194B). Transfer of genes into the endothelial cell may afford a therapeutic strategy for vascular disease, or the endothelium may serve simply as a
- 30 convenient cellular factory for a missing blood borne factor. Hence, information regarding fundamental processes in the endothelial cell will aid the understanding of disease processes and allow more effective therapeutic strategies.

Studies from a number of laboratories have characterized

35 the ability of the endothelial cell to dramatically alter
basic activities in response to cytokines such as tumor

3necrosis factor (TNF)-alpha. TNF-alpha stimulation induces

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significant alterations in the production of vasoactive compounds such as nitric oxide and endothelin, increases surface stickiness toward various types of leukocytes, and modulates the expression of both pro- and anti-coagulant

- 5 factors (Cotran et al., 1990, J. Am. Soc. Nephrol. 1:225-235; Mantovani et al., 1992, FASEB J. 6:2591-2599). In turn, endothelial cells have been shown to be an important source for the production of cytokines and hormones, including interleukin 1, 6 and 8 (Gimbrone et al., 1989, Science
- 10 246:1601-1603; Locksley et al. 1987, J. Immunol. 139:18911895; Loppnow et al., 1989, Lymphokine. Res. 8:293-299;
 Warner et al., 1987, J. Immunol. 139:1911-1917).

The ability of endothelial cells to produce granulocyte, granulocyte-macrophage, and macrophage colony stimulating

- 15 factors has led to speculation that endothelial cells are an important facet of hematopoietic development (Broudy et al., 1987, J. Immunol. 139:464-468; Seelentag et al., 1987, EMBO J. 6:2261-2265). Early studies have provided the foundation for the cloning of a large number of "endothelial cell-
- 20 specific" genes. Some of these include ICAM-1, ICAM-2, VCAM1, ELAM-1, endothelin-1, constitutive endothelial cell nitric
 oxide synthetase, thrombomodulin, and the thrombin receptor
 (Bevilacqua et al., 1989, Science 243:1160-1165; Jackman et
 al., 1986, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 83:8834-8838;
- 25 Janssens et al., 1992, J. Biol. Chem. 267:14519-14522; Lamas
 et al., 1992, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 89:6348-6352;
 Osborn et al., 1989, Cell 59:1203-1211; Staunton et al.,
 1989, Nature 339:61-64; Staunton et al., 1988, Cell 52:925 933; Vu et al, 1991, Cell 64:1057-1068; Yanagisawa et al.,
 30 1988, Nature 332:411-415).

All blood vessels begin their existence as a capillary, composed of only endothelial cells. Much of the molecular research investigating the role of endothelial cells in blood vessel development has focused on this process in the adult

35 organism, in association with pathological conditions. In these situations, new blood vessels are formed by budding and branching of existing vessels. This process, which depends

on endothelial cell division, has been termed angiogenesis. Research on this process has focused primarily on small proteins which are growth factors for endothelial cells (Folkman et al., 1987, Science 235:442-447; Folkman et al., 5 1992, J. Biol. Chem. 267:10931-10934). Sensitive bioassays for angiogenesis have allowed the characterization of a number of angiogenic factors, from both diseased and normal tissues. Members of the fibroblast growth factor (FGF) family, platelet-derived endothelial cell growth factor, and 10 vascular endothelial cell growth factor (vascular permeability factor), are a few of the angiogenic factors which have been characterized (Folkman et al., 1987, Science 235:442-447; Folkman et al., 1992, J. Biol. Chem. 267:10931-10934; Ishikawa et al., 1989, Nature 338:557-562; Keck et 15 al., 1989, Science 246:1309-1312; Leung et al., 1989, Science

Such information has provided some insight into the study of blood vessel development in the embryo. Studies linking vascular development to an angiogenic factor have 20 resulted in the work with vascular endothelial cell growth factor (VEGF). VEGF expression has been correlated in a temporal and spatial fashion with blood vessel development in the embryo (Breier et al., 1992, Development 114:521-532). A high affinity VEGF receptor, flk-1, has been shown to be expressed on the earliest endothelial cells in a parallel fashion (Millauer et al., 1993, Cell 72:835-846).

246:1306-1309).

Blood vessels form by a combination of two primary processes. Some blood vessel growth depends on angiogenesis, in a process very similar to that associated with 30 pathological conditions in the adult. For instance, the central nervous system depends solely on angiogenesis for development of its vascular supply (Noden, 1989, Am. Rev. Respir. Dis. 140:1097-1103; Risau et al., 1988, EMBO J. 7:959-962). A second process, vasculogenesis, depends on the incorporation of migratory individual endothelial cells (angioblasts) into the developing blood vessel. These angioblasts appear to be components of almost all mesoderm,

and are able to migrate in an invasive fashion throughout the embryo (Coffin et al., 1991, Anat. Rec. 231:383-395; Noden, 1989, Am. Rev. Respir. Dis. 140:1097-1103; Noden, 1991, Development 111:867-876). The precise origin of this cell, 5 and the characteristics of its differentiation have not been defined.

Understanding of the molecular basis of endothelial cell differentiation in blood vessel development may allow manipulation of blood vessel growth for therapeutic benefit.

10 The ability to suppress blood vessel growth may also provide therapeutic strategies for diseases such as solid tumors and diabetic retinopathy. On the other hand, diseases such as coronary artery disease may be treated through pharmacologic induction of directed blood vessel growth, through increasing collateral circulation in the coronary vascular bed. Both vascular diseases such as atherosclerosis and hypertension and nonvascular diseases which depend on the endothelial cell will benefit from a better understanding of endothelial cells.

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2.2. EPIDERMAL GROWTH FACTOR-LIKE DOMAIN

Epidermal growth factor (EGF) stimulates growth of a variety of cell types. EGF-like domains have been found in a large number of extracellular and membrane bound proteins

25 (Anderson, 1990, Experientia 46(1):2; and Doolittle, 1985, TIBS, June:233). These proteins include molecules that function as soluble secreted proteins, growth factors, transmembrane signal and receptor molecules, and components of the extracellular matrix (Lawler and Hynes, 1986, J. Cell.

30 Biol. 103:1635; Durkin et al., 1988, J. Cell Biol. 107:2749; Wu et al., 1990, Gene 86:275; Bisgrove and Raff, 1993, Develop. Biol. 157:526;).

In many cases, multiple tandem repeats of a characteristic 40 amino acid long, 6 cysteine-containing

35 sequence are observed (Anderson, 1990, Experientia 46(1):2).

EGF-like domains are homologous to the peptide growth factor

EGF which consists of a single copy of the standard EGF

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domain. These domains have been highly conserved in evolution, being found in species as diverse as nematodes, Drosophila, sea urchins, and vertebrates.

The EGF molecule and the closely related transforming
5 growth factor (TGF) alpha induce cell proliferation by
binding to a tyrosine kinase receptor. It has been suggested
that other EGF-like domains also function as ligands for
receptor molecules (Engel, 1989, FEBS Lett. 251:1-7).
Fundamentally, EGF repeats are protein structures that
10 participate in specific protein-protein binding interactions.

The Drosophila Notch protein, the Nematode lin-12 and glp-1 proteins, and the closely related vertebrate homologs, Motch (mouse Notch), Xotch (Xenopus Notch), rat Notch, and TAN 1 (human Notch) are membrane bound receptor molecules

- 15 that control the specification of cell fate for a variety of cell types early in embryogenesis (Rebay et al., 1991, Cell 67:687; Hutter and Schnabel, 1994, Development 120:2051; Del Amo et al 1992, Development 115:737; Reaume et al. 1992

 Develop. Biol. 154:377; and Ellisen et al., 1991, Cell
- 20 66:649). Specific EGF-like repeats in the Notch receptors are binding sites that attach to protein ligands leading to signal transduction (Rebay et al., 1991 Cell 67:687; Couso and Arias, 1994, Cell 79:259; Fortini and Artavanis-Tsakonas, 1994, Cell 79:273; Henderson et al., 1994, Development
- 25 120:2913). Extracellular matrix proteins such as thrombospondin, entactin, tenascin and laminin play key roles in morphogenesis by providing the physical scaffold to which cells attach to form and maintain tissue morphologies (Frazier, 1987, J. Cell. Biol. 105:625; Taraboletti et al.,
- 30 1990, J. Cell. Biol. 111:765; Ekblom et al., 1994, Development 120:2003).

2.3. DISCOIDIN I/FACTOR VIII-LIKE DOMAINS

A homologous domain structure has been discovered in 35 coagulation factors VIII and V (Kane and Davie, 1986, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 83:6800). This domain is related to a more ancient structure first observed in the discoidin I

protein produced by the cellular slime mold Dictyostelium discoideum. Discoidin I is a carbohydrate binding lectin secreted by Dictyostelium cells during the process of cellular aggregation and is involved in cell-substratum 5 attachment and ordered cell migration (Springer et al., 1984, Cell 39:557).

Discoidin I/factor VIII-like domains have also been observed in a number of other proteins. For example, milk fat globule protein (BA46), milk fat globule membrane protein (MFG-E8), breast cell carcinoma discoidin domain receptor (DDR), and the Xenopus neuronal recognition molecule (A5) (Stubbs et al., 1990, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 87:8417; Larocca et al., 1991, Cancer Res. 51:4994; Johnson et al., 1993, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 90:5677). The discoidin I/factor VIII-like domains of the vertebrate proteins are all distantly related to the Dictyostelium sequence but more closely related to each other.

Discoidin I/factor VIII-like domains are rich in positively charged basic amino acids and are believed to bind 20 to negatively charged substrates such as anionic phospholipids or proteoglycans. Both of the milk fat globule proteins have been shown to associate closely with cell membranes and the coagulation factors VIII and V interact with specific platelet membrane proteins (Stubbs et al., 1990 25 Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 87:8417; Larocca et al., 1991, Cancer Res. 51:4994).

3. SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a novel gene family

30 referred to as del-1. In particular, it relates to del-1

nucleotide sequences, expression vectors containing the
sequences, genetically-engineered host cells expressing del
1, Del-1 protein, Del-1 mutant polypeptides, methods of
expressing del-1 and methods of using del-1 and its gene

35 product in various normal and disease conditions such as
cancer.

The invention is based, in part, upon Applicants' isolation of a murine DNA clone (SEQ ID NO: 9), del-1, and its homologous human counterpart (SEQ ID NO: 11). Structural features of the Del-1 protein are deduced by homology

- 5 comparisons with sequences in the Genbank and NBRF-PIR databases. The protein is a modular molecule composed of repeats of two different sequence motifs which are present in a number of distinct proteins. The two sequence motifs are known as the EGF-like domain (SEQ ID NO: 26) and the
- 10 discoidin I/factor VIII-like domain (SEQ ID NOS: 1-8). These domains are defined by characteristic patterns of conserved amino acids distributed throughout the molecule at specific locations. While Del-1 shows certain sequence homology with other proteins, it is unique in both its primary sequence and
- 15 its overall structure. In all cases in which EGF-like and discoidin I-like domains have been identified, both of these structures are always found in extracellular locations.

 Variant forms of Del-1 protein exist, and one form is shown herein to be an extracellular matrix protein and is
- 20 associated with the cell surface. The expression pattern of del-1 further indicates that it is involved in endothelial cell function. In addition, a number of human tumor cells express del-1. Furthermore, host-derived blood vessels that traverse the tumor nodule also express del-1. The Del-1
- 25 protein inhibits vascular morphogenesis and binds to $\alpha V\beta 3$ as its cellular receptor. Therefore, a wide variety of uses are encompassed by the present invention, including but not limited to, the use of Del-1 as a tumor marker for cancer diagnosis and treatment, the isolation of embryonic
- 30 endothelial cells, the identification of Del-1 binding partners, and the stimulation or inhibition of endothelial cell growth and blood vessel formation.

4. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

35 Figure 1. Genomic organization of 42 kb of the murine del-1 locus, as characterized by cloning from a λfix library constructed

from the SLM275 transgenic mouse, and a wildtype 129SV λ fix library. The dashed line indicates DNA studied to date by zoo blot and exon trapping. The location of the exon identified by exon trapping is shown.

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Figure 2. Homology analysis between the deduced amino acid sequence of the putative del-1 gene (m-del1) (SEQ ID NO: 1) and other proteins with "discoidin-like domains." Identical residues are boxed, conserved residues are shaded (Geneworks, Intelligenetics, Mountain View, CA). m-del-1 sequence (SEQ ID NO: 1) was derived from a trapped exon and mouse embryo cDNAs. Abbreviations:h-MFG, human milk fat globule protein (SEQ ID NO: 2); h-FV, human coagulation factor V (SEQ ID NO: 3); m-FVIII, mouse coagulation factor VIII (SEQ ID NO: 4); X-A5b1 (SEQ ID NO: 5) and X-A5b2 (SEQ ID NO: 6), b1 and b2 domains of Xenopus neuronal antigen A5; dis-I,

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discoidin I (SEQ ID NO: 7).

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Nucleotide sequence and deduced amino acid sequence of murine del-1 cDNA (SEQ ID NO: 9).

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Nucleotide sequence and deduced amino acid sequence of human del-1 cDNA (SEQ ID NO: 11).

Figure 5.

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Murine del-1 fragment (SEQ ID NO: 19) used as probe for human del-1 cloning and Northern blot analysis.

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Figure 6. Amino acid sequence comparison between murine (m-del-1) (SEQ ID NO: 10) and human (h-del-1) (SEQ ID NO: 29) Del-1 proteins.

The EGF-like and discoidin-like domains are indicated by "egf" and "discoidin," respectively.

Figure 7. The small rectangles labeled "EGF" show the location and relative sizes of the three EGF-like domains of Del-1. These regions of 10 the protein are approximately 40 amino acids long. Each EGF-like domain contains six cysteine residues and additional conserved amino acids, distributed in a pattern which 15 is highly conserved among proteins that contain this common motif. In addition, the amino acid sequence RGD occurs in the center of the second EGF-like repeat. sequence is found in a variety of 20 extracellular matrix proteins and, in some cases, it is required for binding to integrin proteins. An RGD sequence is present in the same position in the second EGF-like repeat of MFG-E8. 25 The large rectangles on the right side represent tandem discoidin I/factor VIII-This protein motif is based like domains. on a conserved pattern of amino acids defined by the homology between the D. 30 discoidium discoidin I protein and mammalian coagulation factor VIII.

Figure 8. The 54.2% amino acid homology between human Del-1 and MFG-E8 (SEQ ID NO: 21) in the tandem discoidin I/factor VIII domains is shown. These domains are rich in the basic amino acids arginine and lysine. The 5'

domain contains 12 arginines and 12 lysines versus 9 acidic residues, while the 3' domain contains 8 arginines and 10 lysines versus 16 acidic residues. A similar domain in the coagulation factor VIII protein is believed to bind to negatively charged phospholipids on the surface of platelets. The MFG-E8 protein has been found to associate tightly with milk fat globule membranes.

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The predicted amino acid sequence at the Figure 9. amino terminus of the human Del-1 protein (SEO ID NO: 22) shows characteristics common to signal peptides. The putative signal begins with a basic arginine residue and is followed by a stretch of 18 amino acids rich in hydrophobic residues. Signal peptides typically end with a small amino acid such as glycine or alanine. In addition, the Chou and Fasman algorithm predicts that the putative signal sequence is followed by a protein turn structure, a feature commonly found after signal peptides. The Del-1 protein is secreted by expressing cells.

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Figure 10. Sequence similarities between the three EGF-like domains of Del-1 (SEQ ID NOS: 23-25) and homology with the consensus EGF-like domain amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 26). Also, the amino acid sequence RGD is in the center of the second EGF-like repeat. This sequence is found in a variety of extracellular matrix proteins and, in some cases is required for binding to integrin

proteins. An RGD sequence is present in the

same position in the second EGF-like repeat of MFG-E8.

Figure 11. Human del-1 splicing variant partial sequence (SEQ ID NO: 27) showing the variation as compared with the major form.

Figure Murine del-1 truncated minor nucleotide and 12A-12E. deduced amino acid sequences (SEQ ID NO: 28).

Figure X-gal staining in whole mount and tissue sections of embryos from the SLM275 line.

(13A) Embryo at 7.5 days pc (headfold stage) stained as whole mount. X-gal staining is seen in cells of the extraembryonic mesoderm (xm) which will give rise to the yolk sac and associated blood islands.

Abbreviations: ng, neural groove.

Photographed at 70x. (13B) Section of yolk sac blood islands from 8 day pc embryo stained as a whole mount with membranes intact and subsequently sectioned and counterstained. Clusters of round cells in the blood islands show X-gal staining

(arrow), while mature endothelial cells do

not stain (open arrowhead). Photographed at 400x. (13C) Embryo at 9.5 days pc.

Prominent X-gal staining (blue-green) is seen in the heart and outflow tract (mid-portion of embryo). In addition, the aorta (arrowhead) and intervertebral vessels are stained. Photographed at approximately 30x,

darkfield illumination. (13D) Section of 9.5 day embryo showing heart and outflow tract. This section indicates that X-gal staining in the heart and outflow tract is

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restricted to the endothelial cells (endocardium). Section was counterstained with hematoxylin and eosin, photographed at 200x. (13E) Embryo at 13.5 days pc, dissected and X-gal stained as a whole 5 mount. At this stage, as confirmed by study of tissue sections, endothelial cells lining the ventricle (v) and large vessels such as the aorta (filled arrowhead) have lost most of their staining. Staining of the 10 endothelial cells of the atrium (a) has diminished but is still apparent in the whole mount. Most pronounced at this stage is staining in the developing lungs (open arrowheads). X-gal staining cells are 15 clearly associated with the glandular buds of the lung, but it is not possible to identify these cells in the whole mount. The only non-cardiovascular cells which 20 exhibit X-gal staining are cells in the regions of ossification, such as in the proximal ribs shown here. Photographed at (13F) Embryo at 13.5 days, stained as whole mount, sectioned, counterstained with nuclear fast red. X-gal staining in lung 25 tissue shown here is associated with endothelial cells, as seen in vascular channels cut in transverse (arrow) and longitudinal (arrowhead) planes. Staining 30 is not associated with bronchial cells. Section was photographed at 400x. (13G) Cross-section through a valve forming in the outflow tract of a 13.5 day embryo. Endothelial cells in blood vessel wall are 35 undergoing an epithelial-mesenchymal transformation, leading to formation of the valve tissue. Stained cells are seen within

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the forming valve structure, indicating that these cells continue to express the del-1 marker during this phenotypic transformation. The embryo was stained as a whole mount, sectioned, counterstained with nuclear fast red and photographed at 400x. (13H) Spiral septal formation in the outflow tract of the heart at 9.5 days pc. Endothelial cells are undergoing an epithelial-mesenchymal transformation, becoming mesenchymal in morphology and behavior. Endothelial cells continue to express the transgene marker for some time after this transformation. Section from whole mount stained embryo, 200x.

Figure 14A & 14B.

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Immunoblotting employing del-1 transfected yolk sac cells. (14A) Yolk sac YS-B cells stably transfected with a eukaryotic expression vector encoding the murine major form of del-1(+), or an empty expression vector(-) were selected and evaluated as pools for expression of Del-1 protein. Protein was isolated from cells lysed in cell lysis buffer (Lysis) or standard Laemmli gel loading buffer (Laemmli), or from the extracellular matrix remaining after transfected cells were removed from the culture dish (ECM). The dominant band corresponds to a molecular weight of 52 kilodaltons (kDa). Lower molecular weight bands most likely represent protein degradation products, although the use of alternative translation initiation sites is also possible. (14B) YS-B cells were stably transfected with the del-1 expression construct, or the empty expression plasmid,

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and selected as individual clones. Clones expressing del-1 were selected for varying levels of protein production, as assayed by western blot analysis of extracellular matrix protein. Clone L10 shows the highest level of del-1 mRNA, clones L13 and L14 have an intermediate amount of message, and a negative control clone does not express del-1.

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Figure Immunostaining of yolk sac cells. (15A)

15A-15B. del-1 transfected yolk sac cells and the extracellular matrix are stained with antiDel-1 antibody. The arrows indicate cell membrane staining. (15B) Mock-transfected yolk sac cells are not stained with antibody.

Figure 16.

Immunostaining of Del-1 in the developing bone (vertebral column) of a 13.5 day mouse embryo. The laquanae within the bone are structures composed of extracellular matrix proteins and they are stained for Del-1.

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Figure 17. Immunostaining of human glioma grown in nude mice. (17A) tumor cells are stained with anti-Del-1 antibody. Polarized staining pattern is observed (arrows). (17B) a blood vessel is stained with anti-Del-1 within the tumor.

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Figure (18A) The parental yolk sac cell line YS-B
18A-18H. under routine culture conditions. Phase
contrast, photo 100x. (18B) YS-B cells
after 24 hrs on "MATRIGEL" show a pattern of
vascular morphogenesis. Cells were stained
with toluidine blue. Brightfield, photo

40x. (18C) Negative control transfectants form a vascular network on "MATRIGEL" after 24 hours. Light areas represent organized cells; photographed under dark field illumination at 50x. (18D) Yolk sac 5 transfectant, clone L10, after 24 hrs on "MATRIGEL" shows no evidence of vascular formation, cells instead produce numerous aggregates. Darkfield illumination, photo 10 50x. (18E) Parental yolk sac YS-B cells. grown on a matrix produced by negative control transfectants make a complex structural network. Light areas represent organized cells; photographed under dark field illumination at 30x. (18F) Parental 15 YS-B cells grown on a matrix produced by del-1 transfectants. Cells are forming a dense monolayer, with no evidence of organization. Photographed under darkfield 20 illumination at 30x. (18G) Aggregates of negative control transfected yolk sac cells are placed onto polymerized "MATRIGEL". After 24 hrs, cells show sprouting angiogenesis. Photographed under phase 25 contrast, at 100x. (18H) Aggregates of del-1 transfected yolk sac clone L10 are placed onto polymerized "MATRIGEL" as in 18G. Photographed after 24 hrs (100x), these cells show no evidence of sprouting.

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Figure 19. The binding of murine recombinant Del-1 to HUVEC is inhibited by an anti- $\alpha V\beta 3$ antibody. The relative cell number of HUVEC adhered to plates coated with recombinant Del-1 is shown in the presence of various antibodies.

Figure 20. The binding of murine recombinant Del-1 to HUVEC is inhibited by RGD peptides. The relative cell number of HUVEC adhered to plates coated with recombinant Del-1 is shown in the presence of RGD and RGE peptides at 10 μ g/ml.

Figure Two ideograms illustrating the chromosomal 21A & 21B position of P1 clone 10043 at 5q14. (21A) nomenclature for human chromosomes adopted from the International System for Human Cytogenetic Nomenclature (1985). (21B) an ideogram adopted from Cytogenet. Cell Genet. 65:206-219 (1994) which shows the relative band positions and arm ratios derived from actual chromosome measurements.

5. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a novel family of genes
20 herein referred to as del-1. Described below are methods for
cloning members of this gene family, characteristics of a
murine member and its human homolog, expression of
recombinant gene products, and methods of using the gene and
its gene product. Structurally, members of this gene family
25 contain three EGF-like domains and two discoidin I/factor
VIII-like domains.

The overall structure of the del-1 molecule is similar to the milk fat globule membrane protein (MFG-E8) (Stubbs et al., 1990, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 87:8417). MFG-E8 is 30 highly expressed by a large portion of human breast tumors as well as by lactating mammary epithelial cells. It consists of two tandem EGF-like domains followed by two discoidin I/factor VIII-like domains. The function of MFG-E8 is not known but it has been shown to associate closely with cell 35 membranes and has been investigated as a target for antibody-based tumor imaging techniques. The observed association of MFG-E8 with cell membranes indicates the potential use of

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antibodies against Del-1 to identify and sort endothelial cells from mixed cell populations, and to target tumor cells that express Del-1 for diagnosis and therapy.

The second EGF-like repeat of MFG-E8 contains the amino 5 acid sequence arg-gly-asp (RGD) in the same position as the second EGF-like repeat of Del-1. The RGD sequence has been shown to be a cell binding site for fibronectin, discoidin I, nidogen/entactin, and tenascin (Anderson, 1990, Experientia 46:2). The binding of fibronectin to cell surface integrin

- 10 molecules through the RGD sequence has been extensively studied (Main et al., 1992, Cell 71:671; Hynes, 1992, Cell 69:11). Integrins appear to be the major receptors by which cells attach to extracellular matrices. Substrate binding to integrins has been shown to initiate signal transduction
- 15 leading to events such as tyrosine phosphorylation, cytoplasmic alkalinization, activation of secretion and differentiation (Hynes, 1992, Cell 69:11). The presence of the RGD sequence in Del-1 indicates that this portion of the molecule may bind cell surface integrins, possibly triggering
- 20 certain developmental events. In particular, Del-1 is shown to bind to integrin $\alpha V\beta 3$ on endothelial cells. In several cases, synthetic peptides containing the RGD sequence have been shown to compete with native protein for integrin binding and prevent the initiation of downstream events 25 (Brooks et al., 1994, Cell 79:1157).

For clarity of discussion, the invention is described in the subsections below by way of example for the del-1 genes and their products in mice and in humans. However, the findings disclosed herein may be analogously applied to other 30 members of the del-1 family in all species.

5.1. THE DEL-1 CODING SEQUENCE

The present invention relates to nucleic acid molecules and polypeptides of the del-1 gene family. In a specific 35 embodiment by way of example in Section 6, <u>infra</u>, murine and human del-1 nucleic acid molecules were cloned, and their nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences characterized.

Both the nucleotide coding sequence and deduced amino acid sequence of del-1 are unique. In accordance with the invention, any nucleotide sequence which encodes the amino acid sequence of the del-1 gene product can be used to 5 generate recombinant molecules which direct the expression of del-1 gene.

Enhancer trapping is a strategy which has been successfully employed in genetic analysis in Drosophila but is also applicable to higher organisms. This method 10 identifies regulatory regions in genomic loci through their influence on reporter genes (Okane et al., 1987, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 84:9123-9127). The reporter gene, as a transcriptional unit under the control of a weak constitutively expressed eukaryotic promoter, is introduced 15 into a large number of organisms. The offsprings of these organisms are then screened by analysis of the pattern of reporter gene expression. Lines which show expression in the appropriate cells at the appropriate time are maintained for further study. This strategy has successfully identified a 20 number of loci in Drosophila involved in complex developmental processes.

Enhancer trap experiments have been employed in mice to a limited extent (Allen et al., 1988, Nature 333:852-855). A number of such experiments were through fortuitous

25 integration of a reporter gene into a locus of interest (Kothary et al., 1988, Nature 335:435-437). Using this method coupled with genomic and cDNA cloning, the murine del-1 locus associated with the transgene was identified. A genomic library is generated from the transgenic mouse, and a probe from the transgene used to isolate clones containing the transgene and sequences flanking the integration site. Characterization of the regulatory region is accomplished by employing flanking sequences in functional assays, via transfection experiments with an appropriate cell culture

35 line, or via further transgenic experiments (Bhat et al., 1988, Mol. Cell. Biol. 8:3251-3259).

For analysis of the transcription unit, it is necessary to identify a region of flanking sequence which contains a portion of exon. This has been accomplished by blindly using flanking genomic sequences as probes in northern blots or zoo 5 blots (Soinen et al., 1992, Mechanisms of Development 39:111-123). DNA fragments thus identified to contain exon sequence are employed as probes for cDNA cloning. Similar cloning experiments have been conducted to characterize loci inactivated by insertional mutagenesis associated with 10 transgene integration. These experiments indicate that deletions of large regions of genomic DNA may accompany transgene integration, and that complexity of the transcription unit may greatly complicate this type of analysis (Karls et al., 1992, Mol. Cell. Biol. 12:3644-3652;

Subsequent analysis of the del-1 sequence has revealed both EGF-like and discoidin I/factor VIII-like domains. The shared homology between del-1 and other known molecules is discussed in Section 6.2, infra. However, this molecule also contains regions of previously unreported unique nucleotide sequences. Northern blot hybridization analysis indicates that del-1 mRNA is highly expressed in fetal cells. In addition, the del-1 sequence is expressed in certain tumor cells.

15 Woychik et al., 1990, Nature 346:850-853).

In order to clone the full length cDNA sequence from any species encoding the entire del-1 cDNA or to clone variant forms of the molecule, labeled DNA probes made from nucleic acid fragments corresponding to any murine and human of the partial cDNA disclosed herein may be used to screen a cDNA

- 30 library. More specifically, oligonucleotides corresponding to either the 5' or 3' terminus of the cDNA sequence may be used to obtain longer nucleotide sequences. Briefly, the library may be plated out to yield a maximum of 30,000 pfu for each 150 mm plate. Approximately 40 plates may be
- 35 screened. The plates are incubated at 37°C until the plaques reach a diameter of 0.25 mm or are just beginning to make contact with one another (3-8 hours). Nylon filters are

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placed onto the soft top agarose and after 60 seconds, the filters are peeled off and floated on a DNA denaturing solution consisting of 0.4N sodium hydroxide. The filters are then immersed in neutralizing solution consisting of 1M 5 Tris HCL, pH 7.5, before being allowed to air dry. filters are prehybridized in casein hybridization buffer containing 10% dextran sulfate, 0.5M NaCl, 50mM Tris HCL, pH 7.5, 0.1% sodium pyrophosphate, 1% casein, 1% SDS, and denatured salmon sperm DNA at 0.5 mg/ml for 6 hours at 60°C. 10 The radiolabelled probe is then denatured by heating to 95°C for 2 minutes and then added to the prehybridization solution containing the filters. The filters are hybridized at 60°C for 16 hours. The filters are then washed in 1X wash mix (10X wash mix contains 3M NaCl, 0.6M Tris base, and 0.02M 15 EDTA) twice for 5 minutes each at room temperature, then in 1X wash mix containing 1% SDS at 60°C for 30 minutes, and finally in 0.3X wash mix containing 0.1% SDS at 60°C for 30 minutes. The filters are then air dried and exposed to x-ray film for autoradiography. After developing, the film is 20 aligned with the filters to select a positive plaque. If a single, isolated positive plaque cannot be obtained, the agar plug containing the plaques will be removed and placed in lambda dilution buffer containing 0.1M NaCl, 0.01M magnesium sulfate, 0.035M Tris HCl, pH 7.5, 0.01% gelatin. The phage 25 may then be replated and rescreened to obtain single, well isolated positive plaques. Positive plaques may be isolated and the cDNA clones sequenced using primers based on the known cDNA sequence. This step may be repeated until a full length cDNA is obtained.

It may be necessary to screen multiple cDNA libraries from different tissues to obtain a full length cDNA. In the event that it is difficult to identify cDNA clones encoding the complete 5' terminal coding region, an often encountered situation in cDNA cloning, the RACE (Rapid Amplification of CDNA Ends) technique may be used. RACE is a proven PCR-based strategy for amplifying the 5' end of incomplete cDNAs. 5'-RACE-Ready cDNA synthesized from human fetal liver containing

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a unique anchor sequence is commercially available
(Clontech). To obtain the 5' end of the cDNA, PCR is carried
out on 5'-RACE-Ready cDNA using the provided anchor primer
and the 3' primer. A secondary PCR reaction is then carried
5 out using the anchored primer and a nested 3' primer
according to the manufacturer's instructions. Once obtained,
the full length cDNA sequence may be translated into amino
acid sequence and examined for certain landmarks such as a
continuous open reading frame flanked by translation
10 initiation and termination sites, EGF-like domain,
discoidin I-like domain, a potential signal sequence and
transmembrane domain, and finally overall structural
similarity to the del-1 genes disclosed herein.

15 5.2. EXPRESSION OF DEL-1 SEQUENCE

In accordance with the invention, a del-1 polynucleotide sequence which encodes the Del-1 protein, mutant polypeptides, peptide fragments of Del-1, Del-1 fusion proteins or functional equivalents thereof, may be used to 20 generate recombinant DNA molecules that direct the expression of Del-1 protein, Del-1 peptide fragments, fusion proteins or a functional equivalent thereof, in appropriate host cells. Such del-1 polynucleotide sequences, as well as other polynucleotides which selectively hybridize to at least a 25 part of such del-1 polynucleotides or their complements, may also be used in nucleic acid hybridization assays, Southern and Northern blot analyses, etc.

Due to the inherent degeneracy of the genetic code, other DNA sequences which encode substantially the same or a 30 functionally equivalent amino acid sequence, may be used in the practice of the invention for the cloning and expression of the Del-1 protein. Such DNA sequences include those which are capable of hybridizing to the murine and/or human del-1 sequences under stringent conditions. The phrase "stringent conditions" as used herein refers to those hybridizing conditions that (1) employ low ionic strength and high temperature for washing, for example, 0.015 M NaCl/0.0015 M

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sodium citrate/0.1% SDS at 50°C.; (2) employ during hybridization a denaturing agent such as formamide, for example, 50% (vol/vol) formamide with 0.1% bovine serum albumin/0.1% Ficoll/0.1% polyvinylpyrrolidone/50 mM sodium 5 phosphate buffer at pH 6.5 with 750 mM NaCl, 75 mM sodium citrate at 42°C; or (3) employ 50% formamide, 5 x SSC (0.75 M NaCl, 0.075 M Sodium pyrophosphate, 5 x Denhardt's solution, sonicated salmon sperm DNA (50 μg/ml), 0.1% SDS, and 10% dextran sulfate at 42°C, with washes at 42°C in 0.2 x SSC and 10 0.1% SDS.

Altered DNA sequences which may be used in accordance with the invention include deletions, additions or substitutions of different nucleotide residues resulting in a sequence that encodes the same or a functionally equivalent The gene product itself may contain deletions, 15 gene product. additions or substitutions of amino acid residues within a Del-1 sequence, which result in a silent change thus producing a functionally equivalent Del-1 protein. Such amino acid substitutions may be made on the basis of similarity in 20 polarity, charge, solubility, hydrophobicity, hydrophilicity, and/or the amphipathic nature of the residues involved. example, negatively charged amino acids include aspartic acid and glutamic acid; positively charged amino acids include lysine, histidine and arginine; amino acids with uncharged 25 polar head groups having similar hydrophilicity values include the following: glycine, asparagine, glutamine, serine, threonine, tyrosine; and amino acids with nonpolar head groups include alanine, valine, isoleucine, leucine, phenylalanine, proline, methionine, tryptophan.

The DNA sequences of the invention may be engineered in order to alter a del-1 coding sequence for a variety of ends, including but not limited to, alterations which modify processing and expression of the gene product. For example, mutations may be introduced using techniques which are well shown in the art, e.g., site-directed mutagenesis, to insert new restriction sites, to alter glycosylation patterns, phosphorylation, etc.

Based on the domain organization of the Del-1 protein, a large number of Del-1 mutant polypeptides can be constructed by rearranging the nucleotide sequences that encode the Del-1 Since the EGF-like domains of Del-1 are known to be 5 involved in protein binding, Del-1 may directly bind to other cell surface receptors or extracellular matrix proteins via these domains, thereby controlling cell fate determination or differentiation in a manner similar to Notch and Notch ligands. Additionally, the RGD sequence in the second EGF-10 like domain is known to bind to certain integrins, thus Del-1 may regulate cell adhesiveness, migration, differentiation and viability via this sequence. The discoidin I-like domains of Del-1 are involved in a separate type of cell binding activity. In accordance with the observed properties 15 of Factors V and VIII, Del-1 may directly bind proteoglycans in the extracellular matrix or on the cell surface via those Therefore, the combination of various domains of domains. full-length Del-1 permits the molecule to perform diverse types of binding. For example, the major form of Del-1 may 20 be able to cluster integrin receptors by way of both EGF-like and discoidin I-like domains. In contrast, smaller fragments of Del-1 or its minor form would bind integrins without the ability to induce receptor clustering, and thus induce alternative signals to cells.

In view of the foregoing, the Del-1 mutant polypeptides can be generated and their functional activities compared. In addition to the minor form, Del-1 mutants may be constructed to contain only the EGF-like or discoidin I-like domains. Additionally, smaller polypeptides can be made from 30 constructs that contain any one of the EGF-like and discoidin I-like domains.

In another embodiment of the invention, a del-1 or a modified del-1 sequence may be ligated to a heterologous sequence to encode a fusion protein. For example, for 35 screening of peptide libraries for molecules that bind Del-1, it may be useful to encode a chimeric Del-1 protein expressing a heterologous epitope that is recognized by a

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commercially available antibody. A fusion protein may also be engineered to contain a cleavage site located between a Del-1 sequence and the heterologous protein sequence, so that the Del-1 may be cleaved away from the heterologous moiety.

- In an alternate embodiment of the invention, the coding sequence of Del-1 could be synthesized in whole or in part, using chemical methods well known in the art. See, for example, Caruthers et al., 1980, Nuc. Acids Res. Symp. Ser. 7:215-233; Crea and Horn, 180, Nuc. Acids Res. 9(10):2331;
- 10 Matteucci and Caruthers, 1980, Tetrahedron Letter 21:719; and Chow and Kempe, 1981, Nuc. Acids Res. 9(12):2807-2817.

 Alternatively, the protein itself could be produced using chemical methods to synthesize an Del-1 amino acid sequence in whole or in part. For example, peptides can be
- 15 synthesized by solid phase techniques, cleaved from the resin, and purified by preparative high performance liquid chromatography. (e.g., see Creighton, 1983, Proteins Structures And Molecular Principles, W.H. Freeman and Co., N.Y. pp. 50-60). The composition of the synthetic peptides
- 20 may be confirmed by amino acid analysis or sequencing (e.g., the Edman degradation procedure; see Creighton, 1983, Proteins, Structures and Molecular Principles, W.H. Freeman and Co., N.Y., pp. 34-49).

In order to express a biologically active Del-1, the

25 nucleotide sequence coding for Del-1, or a functional
equivalent, is inserted into an appropriate expression
vector, i.e., a vector which contains the necessary elements
for the transcription and translation of the inserted coding
sequence. The del-1 gene products as well as host cells or

30 cell lines transfected or transformed with recombinant del-1
expression vectors can be used for a variety of purposes.
These include but are not limited to generating antibodies
(i.e., monoclonal or polyclonal) that competitively inhibit
activity of Del-1 protein and neutralize its activity; and

35 antibodies that mimic the activity of Del-1 binding partners
such as a receptor. Anti-Del-1 antibodies may be used in
detecting and quantifying expression of Del-1 levels in cells

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and tissues such as endothelial cells and certain tumor cells, as well as isolating Del-1-positive cells.

5.3. EXPRESSION SYSTEMS

Methods which are well known to those skilled in the art can be used to construct expression vectors containing the del-1 coding sequence and appropriate transcriptional/translational control signals. These methods include in vitro recombinant DNA techniques, synthetic

10 techniques and in vivo recombination/genetic recombination.

See, for example, the techniques described in Sambrook et al., 1989, Molecular Cloning A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, N.Y. and Ausubel et al., 1989, Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley Interscience, N.Y.

A variety of host-expression vector systems may be utilized to express the del-1 coding sequence. These include but are not limited to microorganisms such as bacteria transformed with recombinant bacteriophage DNA, plasmid DNA

- 20 or cosmid DNA expression vectors containing the del-1 coding sequence; yeast transformed with recombinant yeast expression vectors containing the del-1 coding sequence; insect cell systems infected with recombinant virus expression vectors (e.g., baculovirus) containing the del-1 coding sequence;
- 25 plant cell systems infected with recombinant virus expression vectors (e.g., cauliflower mosaic virus, CaMV; tobacco mosaic virus, TMV) or transformed with recombinant plasmid expression vectors (e.g., Ti plasmid) containing the del-1 coding sequence; or animal cell systems. The expression elements of
- 30 these systems vary in their strength and specificities.

 Depending on the host/vector system utilized, any of a number of suitable transcription and translation elements, including constitutive and inducible promoters, may be used in the expression vector. For example, when cloning in bacterial
- 35 systems, inducible promoters such as pL of bacteriophage λ , plac, ptrp, ptac (ptrp-lac hybrid promoter; cytomegalovirus promoter) and the like may be used; when cloning in insect

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cell systems, promoters such as the baculovirus polyhedrin promoter may be used; when cloning in plant cell systems, promoters derived from the genome of plant cells (e.g., heat shock promoters; the promoter for the small subunit of 5 RUBISCO; the promoter for the chlorophyll α/β binding protein) or from plant viruses (e.g., the 35S RNA promoter of CaMV; the coat protein promoter of TMV) may be used; when cloning in mammalian cell systems, promoters derived from the genome of mammalian cells (e.g., metallothionein promoter) or 10 from mammalian viruses (e.g., the adenovirus late promoter; the vaccinia virus 7.5K promoter) may be used; when generating cell lines that contain multiple copies of the del-1 DNA, SV40-, BPV- and EBV-based vectors may be used with an appropriate selectable marker.

In bacterial systems a number of expression vectors may 15 be advantageously selected depending upon the use intended for the del-1 expressed. For example, when large quantities of del-1 are to be produced for the generation of antibodies or to screen peptide libraries, vectors which direct the 20 expression of high levels of fusion protein products that are readily purified may be desirable. Such vectors include but are not limited to the E. coli expression vector pUR278 (Ruther et al., 1983, EMBO J. 2:1791), in which the del-1 coding sequence may be ligated into the vector in frame with 25 the lacZ coding region so that a hybrid AS-lacZ protein is produced; pIN vectors (Inouye & Inouye, 1985, Nucleic acids Res. 13:3101-3109; Van Heeke & Schuster, 1989, J. Biol. Chem. 264:5503-5509); and the like. pGEX vectors may also be used to express foreign polypeptides as fusion proteins with 30 glutathione S-transferase (GST). In general, such fusion proteins are soluble and can easily be purified from lysed cells by adsorption to glutathione-agarose beads followed by elution in the presence of free glutathione. vectors are designed to include thrombin or factor Xa 35 protease cleavage sites so that the cloned polypeptide of interest can be released from the GST moiety. In particular, murine del-1 major and minor coding sequences have been

inserted in pET28a (Novagen Inc.) which contains a T7 promoter, and pMALC2 (New England Biolabs). These vectors encode fusion proteins which can be readily purified.

In yeast, a number of vectors containing constitutive or 5 inducible promoters may be used. For a review see, Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Vol. 2, 1988, Ed. Ausubel et al., Greene Publish. Assoc. & Wiley Interscience, Ch. 13; Grant et al., 1987, Expression and Secretion Vectors for Yeast, in Methods in Enzymology, Eds. Wu & Grossman, 1987,

- 10 Acad. Press, N.Y., Vol. 153, pp. 516-544; Glover, 1986, DNA Cloning, Vol. II, IRL Press, Wash., D.C., Ch. 3; and Bitter, 1987, Heterologous Gene Expression in Yeast, Methods in Enzymology, Eds. Berger & Kimmel, Acad. Press, N.Y., Vol. 152, pp. 673-684; and The Molecular Biology of the Yeast
- 15 Saccharomyces, 1982, Eds. Strathern et al., Cold Spring Harbor Press, Vols. I and II.

In cases where plant expression vectors are used, the expression of the del-1 coding sequence may be driven by any of a number of promoters. For example, viral promoters such

- 20 as the 35S RNA and 19S RNA promoters of CaMV (Brisson et al., 1984, Nature 310:511-514), or the coat protein promoter of TMV (Takamatsu et al., 1987, EMBO J. 6:307-311) may be used; alternatively, plant promoters such as the small subunit of RUBISCO (Coruzzi et al., 1984, EMBO J. 3:1671-1680; Broglie
- 25 et al., 1984, Science 224:838-843); or heat shock promoters,
 e.g., soybean hsp17.5-E or hsp17.3-B (Gurley et al., 1986,
 Mol. Cell. Biol. 6:559-565) may be used. These constructs
 can be introduced into plant cells using Ti plasmids, Ri
 plasmids, plant virus vectors, direct DNA transformation,
- 30 microinjection, electroporation, etc. For reviews of such techniques see, for example, Weissbach & Weissbach, 1988, Methods for Plant Molecular Biology, Academic Press, NY, Section VIII, pp. 421-463; and Grierson & Corey, 1988, Plant Molecular Biology, 2d Ed., Blackie, London, Ch. 7-9.
- An alternative expression system which could be used to express del-1 is an insect system. In one such system, Autographa californica nuclear polyhidrosis virus (AcNPV) is

used as a vector to express foreign genes. The virus grows in *Spodoptera frugiperda* cells. The *del-1* coding sequence may be cloned into non-essential regions (for example the polyhedrin gene) of the virus and placed under control of an

- 5 AcNPV promoter (for example the polyhedrin promoter).

 Successful insertion of the del-1 coding sequence will result in inactivation of the polyhedrin gene and production of non-occluded recombinant virus (<u>i.e.</u>, virus lacking the proteinaceous coat coded for by the polyhedrin gene). These
- 10 recombinant viruses are then used to infect Spodoptera frugiperda cells in which the inserted gene is expressed.

 (e.g., see Smith et al., 1983, J. Viol. 46:584; Smith, U.S. Patent No. 4,215,051). A commercially available baculovirus expression vector pFastBac 1 (Gibco BRL, Inc.) has been 15 constructed to contain the murine del-1 coding sequence.

In mammalian host cells, a number of viral based expression systems may be utilized. In cases where an adenovirus is used as an expression vector, the del-1 coding sequence may be ligated to an adenovirus

- 20 transcription/translation control complex, e.g., the late promoter and tripartite leader sequence. This chimeric gene may then be inserted in the adenovirus genome by in vitro or in vivo recombination. Insertion in a non-essential region of the viral genome (e.g., region E1 or E3) will result in a
- 25 recombinant virus that is viable and capable of expressing del-1 in infected hosts. (e.g., See Logan & Shenk, 1984, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 81:3655-3659). Alternatively, the vaccinia 7.5K promoter may be used. (See, e.g., Mackett et al., 1982, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 79:7415-7419; Mackett
- 30 et al., 1984, J. Virol. 49:857-864; Panicali et al., 1982, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 79:4927-4931).

Additionally, both the murine del-1 and human coding sequences have been inserted in a mammalian expression vector, pcDNA3 (Invitrogen, Inc.), which is under the control of the cytomegalovirus promoter. Regulatable expression vectors such as the tetracycline inducible vectors may also

be used to express the coding sequences in a controlled fashion.

Specific initiation signals may also be required for efficient translation of inserted del-1 coding sequences.

- 5 These signals include the ATG initiation codon and adjacent sequences. In cases where the entire del-1 gene, including its own initiation codon and adjacent sequences, is inserted into the appropriate expression vector, no additional translational control signals may be needed. However, in
- 10 cases where only a portion of the del-1 coding sequence is inserted, exogenous translational control signals, including the ATG initiation codon, must be provided. Furthermore, the initiation codon must be in phase with the reading frame of the del-1 coding sequence to ensure translation of the entire
- 15 insert. These exogenous translational control signals and initiation codons can be of a variety of origins, both natural and synthetic. The efficiency of expression may be enhanced by the inclusion of appropriate transcription enhancer elements, transcription terminators, etc. (see
- 20 Bittner et al., 1987, Methods in Enzymol. 153:516-544).

 In addition, a host cell strain may be chosen which modulates the expression of the inserted sequences, or modifies and processes the gene product in the specific fashion desired. Such modifications (e.g., glycosylation)
- 25 and processing (e.g., cleavage) of protein products may be important for the function of the protein. The presence of several consensus N-glycosylation sites in the del-1 extracellular domain support the possibility that proper modification may be important for Del-1 function. Different
- 30 host cells have characteristic and specific mechanisms for the post-translational processing and modification of proteins. Appropriate cell lines or host systems can be chosen to ensure the correct modification and processing of the foreign protein expressed. To this end, eukaryotic host
- 35 cells which possess the cellular machinery for proper processing of the primary transcript, glycosylation, and phosphorylation of the gene product may be used. Such

mammalian host cells include but are not limited to CHO, VERO, BHK, HeLa, COS, MDCK, 293, WI38, yolk sac cells, etc.

For long-term, high-yield production of recombinant proteins, stable expression is preferred. For example, cell 5 lines which stably express the del-1 may be engineered. Rather than using expression vectors which contain viral origins of replication, host cells can be transformed with the del-1 DNA controlled by appropriate expression control elements (e.g., promoter, enhancer, sequences, transcription 10 terminators, polyadenylation sites, etc.), and a selectable marker. Following the introduction of foreign DNA, engineered cells may be allowed to grow for 1-2 days in an enriched media, and then are switched to a selective media. The selectable marker in the recombinant plasmid confers 15 resistance to the selection and allows cells to stably integrate the plasmid into their chromosomes and grow to form foci which in turn can be cloned and expanded into cell This method may advantageously be used to engineer cell lines which express the Del-1 protein on the cell 20 surface. Such engineered cell lines are particularly useful-

function.

A number of selection systems may be used, including but not limited to the herpes simplex virus thymidine kinase

in screening for molecules or drugs that affect del-1

- 25 (Wigler, et al., 1977, Cell 11:223), hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyltransferase (Szybalska & Szybalski, 1962, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 48:2026), and adenine phosphoribosyltransferase (Lowy, et al., 1980, Cell 22:817) genes can be employed in tk, hgprt or aprt cells,
- 30 respectively. Also, antimetabolite resistance can be used as the basis of selection for dhfr, which confers resistance to methotrexate (Wigler, et al., 1980, Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 77:3567; O'Hare, et al., 1981, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 78:1527); gpt, which confers resistance to mycophenolic acid
- 35 (Mulligan & Berg, 1981), Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 78:2072);

 neo, which confers resistance to the aminoglycoside G-418

 (Colberre-Garapin, et al., 1981, J. Mol. Biol. 150:1); and

hygro, which confers resistance to hygromycin (Santerre, et al., 1984, Gene 30:147) genes. Recently, additional selectable genes have been described, namely trpB, which allows cells to utilize indole in place of tryptophan; hisD, 5 which allows cells to utilize histinol in place of histidine (Hartman & Mulligan, 1988, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 85:8047); and ODC (ornithine decarboxylase) which confers resistance to the ornithine decarboxylase inhibitor, 2-(difluoromethyl)-DL-ornithine, DFMO (McConlogue L., 1987, In: 10 Current Communications in Molecular Biology, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory ed.).

5.4. IDENTIFICATION OF CELLS THAT EXPRESS DEL-1

The host cells which contain the coding sequence and

15 which express a biologically active del-1 gene product or
fragments thereof may be identified by at least four general
approaches; (a) DNA-DNA or DNA-RNA hybridization; (b) the
presence or absence of "marker" gene functions; (c) assessing
the level of transcription as measured by the expression of

- 20 del-1 mRNA transcripts in the host cell; and (d) detection of the gene product as measured by immunoassay or by its biological activity. Prior to the identification of gene expression, the host cells may be first mutagenized in an effort to increase the level of expression of del-1,
- 25 especially in cell lines that produce low amounts of del-1.

 In the first approach, the presence of the del-1 coding sequence inserted in the expression vector can be detected by DNA-DNA or DNA-RNA hybridization using probes comprising nucleotide sequences that are homologous to the del-1 coding

30 sequence, respectively, or portions or derivatives thereof.

In the second approach, the recombinant expression vector/host system can be identified and selected based upon the presence or absence of certain "marker" gene functions (e.g., thymidine kinase activity, resistance to antibiotics,

35 resistance to methotrexate, transformation phenotype, occlusion body formation in baculovirus, etc.). For example, if the del-1 coding sequence is inserted within a marker gene

sequence of the vector, recombinants containing the del-1 coding sequence can be identified by the absence of the marker gene function. Alternatively, a marker gene can be placed in tandem with the del-1 sequence under the control of the same or different promoter used to control the expression of the del-1 coding sequence. Expression of the marker in response to induction or selection indicates expression of the del-1 coding sequence.

In the third approach, transcriptional activity for the 10 del-1 coding region can be assessed by hybridization assays. For example, RNA can be isolated and analyzed by Northern blot using a probe homologous to the del-1 coding sequence or particular portions thereof. Alternatively, total nucleic acids of the host cell may be extracted and assayed for 15 hybridization to such probes. Additionally, RT-PCR may be used to detect low levels of gene expression.

In the fourth approach, the expression of the Del-1 protein product can be assessed immunologically, for example by Western blots, immunoassays such as radioimmuno20 precipitation, enzyme-linked immunoassays and the like.

This can be achieved by using an anti-Del-1 antibody and a Del-1 binding partner such as $\alpha V\beta 3$. Alternatively, the biologic activities of Del-1 can be determined by assaying its ability to inhibit vascular morphogenesis of endothelial 25 cells.

5.5. USES OF DEL-1 ENGINEERED CELL LINES

In an embodiment of the invention, the Del-1 protein and/or cell lines that express Del-1 may be used to screen 30 for antibodies, peptides, small molecules natural and synthetic compounds or other cell bound or soluble molecules that bind to the Del-1 protein. For example, anti-Del-1 antibodies may be used to inhibit or stimulate Del-1 function. Alternatively, screening of peptide libraries with recombinantly expressed soluble Del-1 protein or cell lines expressing Del-1 protein may be useful for identification of therapeutic molecules that function by inhibiting or

stimulating the biological activity of Del-1. The uses of the Del-1 protein and engineered cell lines, described in the subsections below, may be employed equally well for other members of the del-1 gene family in various species.

- In an embodiment of the invention, engineered cell lines which express most of the del-1 coding region or a portion of it fused to another molecule such as the immunoglobulin constant region (Hollenbaugh and Aruffo, 1992, Current Protocols in Immunology, Unit 10.19; Aruffo et al., 1990,
- 10 Cell 61:1303) may be utilized to produce a soluble molecule to screen and identify its binding partners. The soluble protein or fusion protein may be used to identify such a molecule in binding assays, affinity chromatography, immunoprecipitation, Western blot, and the like.
- 15 Alternatively, portions of del-1 may be fused to the coding sequence of the EGF receptor transmembrane and cytoplasmic regions. Assuming that Del-1 can function as a cell-bound receptor, this approach provides for the use of the EGF receptor signal transduction pathway as a means for detecting
- 20 molecules that bind to Del-1 in a manner capable of triggering an intracellular signal. On the other hand, Del-1 may be used as a soluble factor in binding to cell lines that express specific known receptors such as integrins.
- Synthetic compounds, natural products, and other sources of 25 potentially biologically active materials can be screened in assays that are well known in the art.

Random peptide libraries consisting of all possible combinations of amino acids attached to a solid phase support may be used to identify peptides that are able to bind to the

- 30 ligand binding site of a given receptor or other functional domains of a receptor such as kinase domains (Lam, K.S. et al., 1991, Nature 354: 82-84). The screening of peptide libraries may have therapeutic value in the discovery of pharmaceutical agents that stimulate or inhibit the
- 35 biological activity of receptors through their interactions with the given receptor.

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Identification of molecules that are able to bind to the Del-1 protein may be accomplished by screening a peptide library with recombinant soluble Del-1 protein. Methods for expression and purification of Del-1 are described in Section 5.2, <u>supra</u>, and may be used to express recombinant full length del-1 or fragments of del-1 depending on the functional domains of interest. For example, the EGF-like and discoidin I/factor VIII domains of del-1 may be separately expressed and used to screen peptide libraries.

To identify and isolate the peptide/solid phase support 10 that interacts and forms a complex with Del-1, it is necessary to label or "tag" the Del-1 molecule. The Del-1 protein may be conjugated to enzymes such as alkaline phosphatase or horseradish peroxidase or to other reagents 15 such as fluorescent labels which may include fluorescein isothiocyanate (FITC), phycoerythrin (PE) or rhodamine. Conjugation of any given label to Del-1 may be performed using techniques that are well known in the art. Alternatively, del-1 expression vectors may be engineered to 20 express a chimeric Del-1 protein containing an epitope for which a commercially available antibody exist. The epitope specific antibody may be tagged using methods well known in the art including labeling with enzymes, fluorescent dyes or colored or magnetic beads.

The "tagged" Del-1 conjugate is incubated with the random peptide library for 30 minutes to one hour at 22°C to allow complex formation between Del-1 and peptide species within the library. The library is then washed to remove any unbound protein. If Del-1 has been conjugated to alkaline 30 phosphatase or horseradish peroxidase the whole library is poured into a petri dish containing substrates for either alkaline phosphatase or peroxidase, for example, 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indoyl phosphate (BCIP) or 3,3',4,4"-diaminobenzidine (DAB), respectively. After incubating for 35 several minutes, the peptide/solid phase-Del-1 complex changes color, and can be easily identified and isolated physically under a dissecting microscope with a

micromanipulator. If a fluorescent tagged Del-1 molecule has been used, complexes may be isolated by fluorescence activated sorting. If a chimeric Del-1 protein expressing a heterologous epitope has been used, detection of the 5 peptide/Del-1 complex may be accomplished by using a labeled epitope specific antibody. Once isolated, the identity of the peptide attached to the solid phase support may be determined by peptide sequencing.

In addition to using soluble Del-1 molecules, in another 10 embodiment, it is possible to detect peptides that bind to cell surface receptors using intact cells. The use of intact cells is preferred for use with receptors that are multisubunits or labile or with receptors that require the lipid domain of the cell membrane to be functional. Methods for 15 generating cell lines expressing del-1 are described in Section 5.3. The cells used in this technique may be either live or fixed cells. The cells may be incubated with the random peptide library and bind to certain peptides in the library to form a "rosette" between the target cells and the 20 relevant solid phase support/peptide. The rosette can thereafter be isolated by differential centrifugation or removed physically under a dissecting microscope.

As an alternative to whole cell assays for membrane bound receptors or receptors that require the lipid domain of 25 the cell membrane to be functional, the receptor molecules can be reconstituted into liposomes where label or "tag" can be attached.

Various procedures known in the art may be used for the production of antibodies to epitopes of the natural and 30 recombinantly produced Del-1 protein. Such antibodies include but are not limited to polyclonal, monoclonal, chimeric, single chain, Fab fragments and fragments produced by an Fab expression library. Neutralizing antibodies <u>i.e.</u>, those which compete for the ligand binding site of the Del-1 protein are especially preferred for diagnostics and therapeutics.

Monoclonal antibodies that bind Del-1 may be radioactively labeled allowing one to follow their location and distribution in the body after injection. Radioisotope tagged antibodies may be used as a non-invasive diagnostic 5 tool for imaging de novo cells of tumors and metastases.

Immunotoxins may also be designed which target cytotoxic agents to specific sites in the body. For example, high affinity Del-1 specific monoclonal antibodies may be covalently complexed to bacterial or plant toxins, such as 10 diphtheria toxin, ricin. A general method of preparation of antibody/hybrid molecules may involve use of thiol-crosslinking reagents such as SPDP, which attack the primary amino groups on the antibody and by disulfide exchange, attach the toxin to the antibody. The hybrid antibodies may 15 be used to specifically eliminate Del-1 expressing tumor cells.

For the production of antibodies, various host animals may be immunized by injection with the recombinant or naturally purified Del-1 protein, fusion protein or peptides, 20 including but not limited to rabbits, mice, rats, etc.

Various adjuvants may be used to increase the immunological response, depending on the host species, including but not limited to Freund's (complete and incomplete), mineral gels such as aluminum hydroxide, surface active substances such as lysolecithin, pluronic polyols, polyanions, peptides, oil emulsions, keyhole limpet hemocyanin, dinitrophenol, and potentially useful human adjuvants such as BCG (bacilli Calmette-Guerin) and Corynebacterium parvum.

Monoclonal antibodies to Del-1 may be prepared by using 30 any technique which provides for the production of antibody molecules by continuous cell lines in culture. These include but are not limited to the hybridoma technique originally described by Kohler and Milstein, (Nature, 1975, 256:495-497), the human B-cell hybridoma technique (Kosbor et al., 35 1983, Immunology Today, 4:72; Cote et al., 1983, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 80:2026-2030) and the EBV-hybridoma technique (Cole et al., 1985, Monoclonal Antibodies and Cancer Therapy,

Alan R. Liss, Inc., pp. 77-96). In addition, techniques developed for the production of "chimeric antibodies" (Morrison et al., 1984, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 81:6851-6855; Neuberger et al., 1984, Nature, 312:604-608; Takeda et al., 1985, Nature, 314:452-454) by splicing the genes from a mouse antibody molecule of appropriate antigen specificity together with genes from a human antibody molecule of appropriate biological activity can be used. Alternatively, techniques described for the production of single chain antibodies (U.S. 10 Patent 4,946,778) can be adapted to produce Del-1-specific

single chain antibodies.

Hybridomas may be screened using enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (ELISA) in order to detect cultures secreting antibodies specific for refolded recombinant Del-1.

- 15 Cultures may also be screened by ELISA to identify those cultures secreting antibodies specific for mammalian-produced Del-1. Confirmation of antibody specificity may be obtained by western blot using the same antigens. Subsequent ELISA testing may use recombinant Del-1 fragments to identify the
- 20 specific portion of the Del-1 molecule with which a monoclonal antibody binds. Additional testing may be used to identify monoclonal antibodies with desired functional characteristics such as staining of histological sections, immunoprecipitation of Del-1, or neutralization of Del-1
- 25 activity. Determination of the monoclonal antibody isotype may be accomplished by ELISA, thus providing additional information concerning purification or function.

Antibody fragments which contain specific binding sites of Del-1 may be generated by known techniques. For example, 30 such fragments include but are not limited to: the F(ab')₂ fragments which can be produced by pepsin digestion of the antibody molecule and the Fab fragments which can be generated by reducing the disulfide bridges of the F(ab')₂ fragments. Alternatively, Fab expression libraries may be 35 constructed (Huse et al., 1989, Science, 246:1275-1281) to

35 constructed (Huse et al., 1989, Science, 246:1275-1281) to allow rapid and easy identification of monoclonal Fab fragments with the desired specificity to Del-1. Anti-Del-1

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antibodies may be used to isolate Del-1-expressing cells or eliminate such cells from a cell mixture.

5.6. USES OF DEL-1 POLYNUCLEOTIDE

5 A del-1 polynucleotide may be used for diagnostic and/or therapeutic purposes. For diagnostic purposes, a del-1 polynucleotide may be used to detect del-1 gene expression or aberrant del-1 gene expression in disease states. Included in the scope of the invention are oligonucleotide sequences, 10 that include antisense RNA and DNA molecules and ribozymes, that function to inhibit translation of del-1.

5.6.1. DIAGNOSTIC USES OF A DEL-1 POLYNUCLEOTIDE

A del-1 polynucleotide may have a number of uses for the diagnosis of diseases resulting from aberrant expression of del-1. For example, the del-1 DNA sequence may be used in hybridization assays of biopsies or autopsies to diagnose abnormalities of del-1 expression; e.g., Southern or Northern analysis, including in situ hybridization assays. Such techniques are well known in the art, and are in fact the basis of many commercially available diagnostic kits.

5.6.2. THERAPEUTIC USES OF A DEL-1 POLYNUCLEOTIDE

- A del-1 polynucleotide may be useful in the treatment of various abnormal conditions. By introducing gene sequences into cells, gene therapy can be used to treat conditions in which the cells do not proliferate or differentiate normally due to underexpression of normal del-1 or expression of abnormal/inactive del-1. In some instances, the
- 30 polynucleotide encoding a del-1 is intended to replace or act in the place of a functionally deficient endogenous gene.

 Alternatively, abnormal conditions characterized by overproliferation can be treated using the gene therapy techniques described below.
- 35 Abnormal cellular proliferation is an important component of a variety of disease states. Recombinant gene therapy vectors, such as viral vectors, may be engineered to

express variant, signalling incompetent forms of Del-1 which may be used to inhibit the activity of the naturally occurring endogenous Del-1. A signalling incompetent form may be, for example, a truncated form of the protein that is 5 lacking all or part of its signal transduction domain. a truncated form may participate in normal binding to a substrate but lack signal transduction activity. Thus recombinant gene therapy vectors may be used therapeutically for treatment of diseases resulting from aberrant expression 10 or activity of an Del-1. Accordingly, the invention provides a method of inhibiting the effects of signal transduction by an endogenous Del-1 protein in a cell comprising delivering a DNA molecule encoding a signalling incompetent form of the Del-1 protein to the cell so that the signalling incompetent 15 Del-1 protein is produced in the cell and competes with the endogenous Del-1 protein for access to molecules in the Del-1 protein signalling pathway which activate or are activated by

Expression vectors derived from viruses such as

20 retroviruses, vaccinia virus, adeno-associated virus, herpes viruses, or bovine papilloma virus, may be used for delivery of recombinant Del-1 into the targeted cell population.

Methods which are well known to those skilled in the art can be used to construct recombinant viral vectors containing an del-1 polynucleotide sequence. See, for example, the

the endogenous Del-1 protein.

- techniques described in Maniatis et al., 1989, Molecular Cloning A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, N.Y. and Ausubel et al., 1989, Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley Interscience,
- 30 N.Y. Alternatively, recombinant Del-1 molecules can be reconstituted into liposomes for delivery to target cells.

Oligonucleotide sequences, that include anti-sense RNA and DNA molecules and ribozymes that function to inhibit the translation of a del-1 mRNA are within the scope of the

35 invention. Anti-sense RNA and DNA molecules act to directly block the translation of mRNA by binding to targeted mRNA and preventing protein translation. In regard to antisense DNA,

oligodeoxyribonucleotides derived from the translation initiation site, e.g., between -10 and +10 regions of a del-1 nucleotide sequence, are preferred.

Ribozymes are enzymatic RNA molecules capable of

5 catalyzing the specific cleavage of RNA. The mechanism of ribozyme action involves sequence specific hybridization of the ribozyme molecule to complementary target RNA, followed by endonucleolytic cleavage. Within the scope of the invention are engineered hammerhead motif ribozyme molecules

10 that specifically and efficiently catalyze endonucleolytic cleavage of del-1 RNA sequences.

Specific ribozyme cleavage sites within any potential RNA target are initially identified by scanning the target molecule for ribozyme cleavage sites which include the

15 following sequences, GUA, GUU and GUC. Once identified, short RNA sequences of between 15 and 20 ribonucleotides corresponding to the region of the target gene containing the cleavage site may be evaluated for predicted structural features such as secondary structure that may render the

20 oligonucleotide sequence unsuitable. The suitability of candidate targets may also be evaluated by testing their accessibility to hybridization with complementary oligonucleotides, using ribonuclease protection assays.

Both anti-sense RNA and DNA molecules and ribozymes of
the invention may be prepared by any method known in the art
for the synthesis of RNA molecules. These include techniques
for chemically synthesizing oligodeoxyribonucleotides well
known in the art such as for example solid phase
phosphoramidite chemical synthesis. Alternatively, RNA
molecules may be generated by in vitro and in vivo
transcription of DNA sequences encoding the antisense RNA
molecule. Such DNA sequences may be incorporated into a wide
variety of vectors which incorporate suitable RNA polymerase
promoters such as the T7 or SP6 polymerase promoters.

35 Alternatively, antisense cDNA constructs that synthesize antisense RNA constitutively or inducibly, depending on the promoter used, can be introduced stably into cell lines.

Various modifications to the DNA molecules may be introduced as a means of increasing intracellular stability and half-life. Possible modifications include but are not limited to the addition of flanking sequences of ribo- or 5 deoxy- nucleotides to the 5' and/or 3' ends of the molecule or the use of phosphorothicate or 2' O-methyl rather than phosphodiesterase linkages within the oligodeoxyribonucleotide backbone.

Methods for introducing polynucleotides into such cells

10 or tissue include methods for in vitro introduction of
polynucleotides such as the insertion of naked
polynucleotide, i.e., by injection into tissue, the
introduction of a del-1 polynucleotide in a cell ex vivo,
i.e., for use in autologous cell therapy, the use of a vector

15 such as a virus, retrovirus, phage or plasmid, etc. or
techniques such as electroporation which may be used in vivo
or ex vivo.

5.7. USES OF DEL-1 PROTEIN

Analysis of β-gal expression in transgenic mice in which β-gal gene expression is controlled by the del-1 enhancer indicates that the del-1 gene is activated in endothelial cells undergoing vasculogenesis. Vasculogenesis refers to the development of blood vessels de novo from embryonic
25 precursor cells. The related process of angiogenesis is the process through which existing blood vessels arise by outgrowth from preexisting ones. Vasculogenesis is limited to the embryo while angiogenesis continues throughout life as a wound healing response or to increase oxygenation of
30 chronically stressed tissues (Pardanaud et al., 1989 Development 105:473; Granger 1994, Cell and Mol. Biol. Res. 40:81).

It is likely that Del-1 functions during embryonic vasculogenesis and in angiogenesis. For therapeutic use, it 35 is essential that Del-1, portions of Del-1 or antibodies that block Del-1, may interact with angiogenic cells since it is stimulation or inhibition of these cells that is clinically

relevant. Manipulation of Del-1 function may have significant effects on angiogenesis if Del-1 normally participates in this process.

The working examples in Sections 9 and 10 demonstrate 5 that Del-1 exhibits an inhibitory effect on angiogenesis, which may be mediated by its interaction with $\alpha V\beta 3$ -expressing endothelial cells. Del-1 protein or recombinant proteins consisting of portions of Del-1 may function to suppress angiogenesis or induce endothelial cell apoptosis. This

- 10 function could be clinically useful to prevent neovascularization of tissues such as tumor nodules. It has been demonstrated that inhibition of angiogenesis is useful in preventing tumor metastases (Fidler and Ellis, 1994, Cell 79:185). Recently, O'Reilly et al (1994, Cell 79:315)
- 15 reported that a novel angiogenesis inhibitor isolated from tumor-bearing mice, angiostatin, specifically inhibited endothelial cell proliferation. In vivo, angiostatin was a potent inhibitor of neovascularization and growth of tumor metastases. In a related report, Brooks et al (1994, Cell
- 20 79:115) showed that integrin antagonists promoted tumor regression by inducing apoptosis of angiogenic blood vessels. These integrin antagonists included cyclic peptides containing an RGD amino acid sequence. Since Del-1 contains an RGD sequence, the use of this portion of the Del-1
- 25 molecule may have similar effects.

Manipulation of the discoidin I/factor VIII-like domains of Del-1 may also be used to inhibit angiogenesis.

Apolipoprotein E (ApoE) has been shown to inhibit basic fibroblast growth factor (bFGF)-stimulated proliferation of 30 endothelial cells in vitro (Vogel et al., 1994, J. Cell. Biochem. 54:299). This effect could also be produced with synthetic peptides based on a portion of the ApoE sequence. These results could be due to direct competition of ApoE with growth factors for binding to heparin sulfate proteoglycans, or through disruption by ApoE of cell-matrix interactions. It has been proposed that discoidin I/factor VIII-like

domains such as those in Del-1 bind to proteoglycans.

addition, Del-1 is similar in structure to a number of extracellular matrix proteins. Thus, Del-1 may be manipulated to effect the activity of growth factors such as bFGF or to alter interactions between endothelial cells and 5 the extracellular matrix.

The anti-angiogenic activity of Del-1 may be used to treat abnormal conditions that result from angiogenesis. These conditions include, but are not limited to, cancer, diabetic retinopathy, rheumatoid arthritis and endometriosis.

- 10 Additionally, the removal or inhibition of Del-1 in situations where it naturally inhibits blood vessel formation may be used to promote angiogenesis. These conditions inlcude, but are not limited to, cardiac ischemia, thrombotic stroke, would healing and peripheral vascular disease.
- 15 Furthermore, Del-1 may be used to stimulate bone formation.
 - 6. EXAMPLE: MOLECULAR CLONING OF HUMAN AND MURINE DEL-1 NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES

6.1. MATERIALS AND METHODS

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6.1.1. GENERATION OF TRANSGENIC MICE

The SLM275 transgenic mouse line was generated in a C57BL6xDBA/F1 background, and the transgenic animals had been crossed back against similar B6D2F1 animals for maintenance of the line and the generation of embryos. This transgene had been maintained in the heterozygous state, and these heterozygous mice had normal breeding capacity. However, preliminary experiments indicated that these animals were not viable in the homozygous state.

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6.1.2. MOLECULAR CLONING OF DEL-1

A genomic library was constructed from high molecular weight DNA isolated from the kidney of a SLM275 transgenic animal. This DNA was subjected to partial digestion with Sau3A to obtain an average size of 20 kb, subjected to a partial fill-in reaction, and then cloned into a similarly treated lambdaphage vector (lambdaFix,

Stratagene). The library constructed in this fashion had a base of approximately 2 million clones. These clones were amplified and the library stored at -70°C. A 200 basepair (bp) probe derived from the SV40 polyadenylation signal of 5 the transgene was used as a probe and allowed the isolation of 12 lambdaphage clones. Six of these clones were randomly chosen for further investigation. These clones were mapped, and restriction fragments which did not contain transgene The clones were divided into two groups sequence identified. 10 on the basis of common non-transgenic fragments. One such fragment from the first group of phage allowed specific hybridization to genomic blots and provided evidence that it was derived from a region adjacent to the integration site. Genomic DNA from a non-transgenic mouse of the same genetic 15 background (B6D2F1) was compared to that of a SLM275 transgene animal by hybridization to this probe. Rearranged bands representing fragments disrupted by transgene integration were seen in the SLM275 lanes with both EcoR1 and BamH1 digests. The flanking sequence probe was employed to 20 screen a commercially available lambdaFixII genomic library constructed from the 129SV mouse strain (Stratagene).

A murine cDNA fragment was used as a probe to identify cDNA clones of its human homolog. The probe corresponded to nucleotides 1249 through 1566 in the murine del-1 major 25 sequence. Human cDNA clones were isolated from a human fetal lung cDNA library (Clonetech, Inc.) following standard procedures.

6.2. RESULTS

A transgenic mouse line was created through a fortuitous enhancer trap event. The original studies were designed to map the cell-specific and developmental-specific regulatory regions of the mouse SPARC promoter, 2.2 kilobases (kb) of the SPARC 5' flanking sequence were placed upstream of the E.
35 coli lacZ (beta-galactosidase or β-gal) reporter gene. The mouse SPARC gene is normally expressed in a wide variety of adult and embryonic cells which synthesize a specific

extracellular matrix (Nomura et al., 1989, J. Biol. Chem. 264:12201-12207). However, one of the founder mouse lines showed a highly restricted pattern of expression quite distinct from the native SPARC gene. Expression of the lacZ reporter in this particular line of mice referred to as SLM275 was seen very early in cells of the endothelial lineage. Whole mount lacZ staining was employed for initial studies, and these embryos were subsequently sectioned and examined by light microscopy. The first cells to stain were endothelial cells forming the endocardium, the outflow tract, and the developing intervertebral vessels. Staining appeared to be predominantly restricted to endothelial cells associated with forming major blood vessels. Expression began to decline after 11.5 days pc.

- The genomic region targeted by this transgene is herein referred to as del-1. Initial cloning experiments were aimed at isolating genomic sequences flanking the transgene integration site. A number of lambdaphage clones were isolated and mapped (Figure 1). Approximately 40 kb of the wild-type del-1 sequence was contained in these clones. By probing Southern blots containing restriction digests of these lambdaphages with non-transgenic fragments from the SLM275 lambdaphage clones, the site of transgene integration was mapped. Insertion of the transgene complex was
- 25 associated with the deletion of approximately 8 kb of DNA. There were approximately 25 kb of flanking sequence on one side of the integration, and approximately 5 kb of the other flanking sequence contained on these clones.
- Exon trapping was used to evaluate genomic fragments for 30 the presence of exons. This approach utilized a vector with a constitutive promoter driving transcription through a DNA fragment containing a splice donor site and a splice acceptor site. Between these splicing signals was a common cloning site where the genomic DNA fragment to be evaluated was
- 35 cloned. Exons within this fragment would be spliced into the transcript when the construct was transfected into eukaryotic cells, such as COS cells. The transcript containing the

trapped exon sequence was rescued from the COS cells by reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR). PCR amplified DNA was cloned and evaluated.

A 160 bp exon was trapped from a fragment of genomic DNA 5 located approximately 10 kb from the "left" integration site. Nucleotide sequence of the trapped exon was employed to screen various nucleic acid databanks through the BLAST routine at the NCBI, revealing no other gene with significant nucleic acid homology. The deduced amino acid sequence of

- 10 the single open reading frame was subsequently employed in databank searches. These revealed that the protein domain encoded in the trapped exon was similar in part to domains in a number of proteins, including Factor V, Factor VIII and discoidin I (Figure 2) (Jenny et al., 1987, Proc. Natl. Acad.
- 15 Sci. U.S.A. 84:4846-4850; Poole et al., 1981, J. Mol. Biol. 153:273-289; Toole et al., 1984, Nature 312:342-347). The protein which was most similar was milkfat globule protein, which had been found on the surface of mammary epithelial cells (1994, WO 94/11508). It has been hypothesized that the
- 20 discoidin I-like domain in this protein allows it to localize to the surface of the epithelial cell (Larocca et al., 1991, Cancer Res. 51:4994-4998; Stubbs et al., 1990, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 87:8417-8421). The homologous regions of Factor V and Factor VIII have been implicated in their
- 25 interaction with phospholipids on the surface of endothelial cells and platelets (Jenny et al., 1987, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 84:4846-4850; Toole et al., 1984, Nature 312:342-347). Homology to the Xenopus protein A5 was also observed. A5 is a neuronal cell surface molecule which is expressed in
- 30 retinal neurons and the neurons in the visual center with which the retinal neurons contact (Takagi et al., 1991, Neuron 7:295-307). A5 has been proposed to play a role as a neuronal recognition molecule in the development of this neural circuit, perhaps through mediating intercellular
- 35 signaling. The protein for which this discoidin I-like domain was named is a protein expressed in *Dictyostelium*

discoideum, which serves an essential role in the aggregation of individual cells.

The DNA fragment encoding the trapped exon was employed as a probe in a Southern blot experiment and shown to 5 hybridize with regions of the del-1 locus outside of the region that was employed in the exon trap construct. Given this finding, cDNA cloning was pursued by using the exon trap probe to screen an 11.5 day embryonic mouse cDNA library. Clones were plaque purified, and inserts subcloned into

- 10 plasmid for further analysis. Nucleotide sequence analysis showed that two of the embryonic cDNA clones contained the sequence of the trapped exon. Sequence from the clones was used to expand the deduced amino acid sequence of the discoidin I-like domain (Figure 2). The full nucleotide
- 15 sequence of these cDNAs was analyzed and cloned into plasmid vectors which allowed the generation of cRNA transcripts for RNAse protection and in situ hybridization (Figure 3A-3E).

A human cDNA was isolated from a human fetal lung cDNA lambdaphage library purchased from Clontech Inc. (Figure 4A-20 4C). A portion of the mouse del-1 cDNA was used as a probe (Figure 5). The identity of the human cDNA clone was confirmed by comparing the human and mouse DNA sequences. These clones show approximately 80% DNA sequence homology and approximately 94% amino acid sequence homology (Figure 6).

25 These sequences are referred to as the "major" form of del-1. Upon initial isolation of del-1, standard molecular biology methods were used for isolating additional clones.

DNA sequence analysis of the human del-1 revealed an open reading frame of 1,446 base pairs predicted to encode a 30 481 amino acid protein with a molecular weight of 53,797. The mouse cDNA encodes a 480 amino acid protein. Homology comparisons with DNA and protein databases indicated that the Del-1 protein was composed of three EGF-like protein domains, followed by two discoidin I/factor VIII-like domains (Figure 35 7). Genes similar to del-1 included some key regulators of

35 7). Genes similar to del-1 included some key regulators of cell determination and differentiation such as Notch.

Overall, the Del-1 protein has a structure similar to the

membrane-associated milk fat globule membrane protein, MGF-E8, which has been used to develop antibodies for imaging breast cancer (Figure 8).

A physiologic function for the Del-1 protein is

5 implicated by the activities which have been demonstrated for EGF-like and discoidin I/factor VIII-like domains in other proteins. EGF-like domains have been shown to participate in protein-protein binding interactions, while the discoidin I-like domains of factor VIII are believed to mediate binding to cell membranes through association with negatively charged phospholipids. Thus, the Del-1 protein may generate a signal for endothelial cell determination or differentiation by binding to the membranes of precursor cells and interacting with an EGF-like domain receptor protein.

Key structural features of the open reading frame of human Del-1 include:

- the presumed initiator methionine and putative secretion signal sequence (Figure 9)
- 2) the three EGF-like domains (Figure 10)
 - 3) the two discoidin I-like domains.

Further cloning and analysis of both the human and murine del-1 genes revealed additional variant forms. For example, a human splicing variant (Z20 clone) was obtained in 25 which 30 bp (i.e. 10 amino acids) between the first and second EGF-like domains of the major form of del-1 had been removed (Figure 11). In addition, a truncated version of murine del-1 was isolated, which contained a signal peptide sequence, all three EGF-like domains and only a partial 30 amino-terminal discoidin I/factor VIII-like domain (about 40%). This variant is referred to as murine del-1 minor sequence, which is disclosed in Figure 12A-12E. This transcript was cloned only from mouse embryonic libraries, but was verified through cloning of several independent 35 cDNAs.

7. EXAMPLE: TISSUE DISTRIBUTION OF DEL-1 GENE EXPRESSION 7.1. MATERIALS AND METHODS

7.1.1. WHOLE MOUNT STAINING OF TRANSGENIC MOUSE EMBRYOS

Male transgenic animals of second or third generation had been crossed with 8-10 week B6D2F1 females, and embryos harvested at 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, 10.5, and 13.5 days. Timing was based on the convention that noon of the day of plugging was 0.5 day post-coitum (pc). Embryos were harvested, dissected free of decidua and membranes, fixed in 2% glutaraldehyde, and stained as a whole mount in a standard X-gal indicator solution according to standard protocols. An exception was that embryos older than 11.5 days were bisected which allowed better penetration of the fixative and staining solution. Stained tissues were identified in whole mount embryos by examination at 7-70x with an Olympus SZH10 stereomicroscope, and photographed under darkfield illumination. 8.5, 9.5, and 13.5 days pc were embedded in paraffin, sectioned, counterstained with nuclear fast red and examined 20 under brightfield with a Zeiss Axioplan microscope.

7.1.2. NORTHERN BLOT ANALYSIS

In order to study the expression of the del-1 gene, Northern blots containing RNA obtained from a variety of human and mouse tissues (Clontech, Palo Alto, CA) were hybridized with a radiolabeled DNA probe as shown in Figure 5. In addition, adult organs, 15.5 dpc whole embryos and organs dissected from embryos were disrupted with a polytron, and RNA isolated over C_sCl gradient (Sambrook et 30 al., 1989, Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, NY). Briefly, the blots were prehybridized at 42°C for 3-6 hours in a solution containing 5X SSPE, 10X Denhardt's solution, 100 μ g/ml freshly denatured, sheared salmon sperm DNA, 50% formamide (freshly 35 deionized), and 2% SDS. The radiolabeled probe was heat denatured and added to the prehybridization mix and allowed to hybridize at 42°C for 18-24 hours with constant shaking.

The blots were rinsed in 2X SSC, 0.05% SDS several times at room temperature before being transferred to a wash solution containing 0.1X SSC, 0.1% SDS and agitated at 50°C for 40 minutes. The blots were then covered with plastic wrap, 5 mounted on Whatman paper and exposed to x-ray film at -70°C using an intensifying screen.

7.1.3 REVERSE TRANSCRIPTION-POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION (RT-PCR)

Total RNA was isolated using standard laboratory procedures (Sambrook et al., 1989, Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, NY).

Approximately 1 μg of total RNA was reverse transcribed and the cDNA was amplified by PCR (Perkin Elmer, Norwalk, CT).

The PCR amplification conditions were: 94°C for 30 sec, 60°C for 30 sec, 72°C for 30 sec for a total of 40 cycles. The amplified products were resolved by agarose gel electrophoresis and visualized by ethidium bromide staining. The amplimers were:

+ strand primer: ACC CAA GGG GCA AAA AGG A
- strand primer: CCT GTA ACC ATT GTG ACT G

7.2. RESULTS

Expression of del-1 in various human and mouse tissues
and cell lines was investigated by whole mount staining,
Northern blot analysis and RT-PCR. Results of experiments
are summarized in the subsections below.

7.2.1 EXPRESSION ANALYSIS BY HISTOCHEMISTRY

When the earliest time point was investigated by whole mount and histochemical staining in transgenic mice at day 7.5 pc, expression of the *lacZ* reporter gene was shown in cells forming the extra embryonic mesoderm (Figure 13A). These cells would form the yolk sac and give rise to cells of the blood island. Expression of the *lacZ* reporter gene in this locus is thus one of the earliest known markers of the endothelial cell lineage. The only other marker which has

been shown to be expressed in precursors of endothelial cells at this early stage of development is the receptor tyrosine kinase flk-1 (Millauer et al., 1993, Cell 72:835-846).

However, del-1 expression was not found in the allantois, as 5 with other early markers of the endothelium such as flk-1 (Yamaguchi et al., 1993, Development 118:489-498).

At day 8.5, lacZ staining was seen in cells in the blood islands of the yolk sac. Interestingly, staining was not detected in mature endothelial cells lining the blood island,

- 10 but rather in round cells found in clumps within the blood island (Figure 13B). These round cells had large nuclei and were closer in appearance to hematopoietic precursors rather than endothelial cells. This expression pattern was distinct from all other early endothelial markers. Thus, the del-1
- 15 locus might be expressed in early embryonic cells which were precursors to both endothelial and hematopoietic lineages. In the late primitive streak stage embryo at 8.5 days pc, there was also staining of endothelial cells associated with the developing paired dorsal aortae. LacZ staining was seen
- 20 in cells in the region of the forming heart at this stage, and these were presumably endothelial cells that would form the endocardium. By day 9.5 (10-14 somites), the endocardium and endothelial cells forming the outflow tract and aorta showed lacZ staining (Figure 13C, 13D). This staining
- 25 persisted until day 10.5 and 11.5, and by whole mount analysis endothelial cells associated with all large vascular structures were expressing the reporter gene.

LacZ staining of embryos at day 13.5 of development was evaluated in the whole mount, and in sections made from

- 30 paraffin embedded embryos. By this time, there was only patchy staining of endothelial cells in large vessels such as the aorta, whereas smaller vessels had virtually no staining (Figure 13E). The only blood vessels which showed prominent lacZ staining at this stage were the pulmonary capillaries.
- 35 The developing pulmonary vascular network stained intensely, making the entire lung appear grossly blue-green (Figure 13E). Identification of the stained cells was made by

microscopy of stained sections (Figure 13F). Also, visualization of X-gal stained cells forming vascular channels was possible by viewing thick sections with Nomarski differential interference contrast optics. Organ vasculature 5 associated the liver, brain and kidney showed no staining. In the heart, there was some residual staining of endothelial cells of the atrium. The majority of endothelial cells lining the ventricle no longer stained. The striking finding in the ventricle was that the cells forming the papillary 10 muscle and the mitral valve showed marked staining. This labeling was seen not only in the endothelial cells on the surface, but in cells forming these structures. In a similar fashion, cells in the area of the forming valves of the aorta and pulmonary showed lacZ activity. Again, cells in the 15 forming valve and in the wall of the vessel were stained (Figure 13G and 13H). The only non-cardiovascular staining was observed in cells in the areas of active bone formation. In particular, staining was most prominent in the proximal portions of the ribs, vertebrae, and the limb girdles (Figure 20 13E). After 13.5 days, the only cells expressing the lacZ gene were pulmonary endothelial cells. After approximately 15.5 days of development, expression of the reporter transgene diminished and was completely negative by the time of birth. The aforementioned observations indicate that the

The aforementioned observations indicate that the protein encoded by the transcription unit in the del-1 locus is involved in early developmental processes in the cardiovascular system. This gene is not only a lineage marker, since it is expressed in restricted groups of anothelial cells in a temporally regulated fashion. The

restricted expression seen at later stages indicates a connection with the origin of these endothelial cells, the mechanism of blood vessel formation, or the context-derived phenotype of these cells. Cells of the primordial

35 endocardium express this marker, indicating a role in cardiogenesis. Most striking is the pattern of expression in the developing valvular apparatus of the heart. Competent

endothelial cells in the forming septum and valves have been shown to undergo an epithelial-mesenchymal transformation. This transformation appears to be due, at least in part, to an inductive signal, such as transforming growth factor 5 beta 3, which is released by the myocardium (Potts et al., 1991, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 88:1516-1520; Sinning et al., 1992, Anat. Rec. 232:285-292). Reporter gene expression in the SLM275 mouse marked the competent cells of the endocardium which would respond to this signal, and 10 expression appeared to persist for some time after the transformation (Figure 13G and 13H). This pattern of gene expression is unlike that described for any known molecule. Although the early endothelial expression pattern is similar to that characterized for the tyrosine kinases tek and flk-1

15 (Dumont et al., 1992, Oncogene 7:1471-1480; Millauer et al., 1993, Cell 72:835-846), there are striking differences at later stages which clearly indicate that lacZ expression in the transgenic animals marks a novel gene.

7.2.2. EXPRESSION ANALYSIS BY NORTHERN BLOT

Expression of del-1 in various fetal and adult tissues was examined by Northern blot analysis (Tables 1 and 2). A portion of the mouse cDNA clone (0.3 kb Sac I probe) was used as a probe on six poly A RNA filters purchased from Clontech

- 25 Inc. Human fetal tissues which were undergoing vasculogenesis were positive (Table 2). An organ blot generated with RNA from a 15.5 day mouse embryo indicated expression in highly vascular organs such as kidney, lung, nervous system and head. Also, the time course of expression
- 30 in whole mouse embryos was consistent with the β -gal staining results observed in transgenic mice (Table 3). In general, adult mouse tissues were negative, or only weakly positive, (Table 4). Mouse cDNA clones isolated from a brain cDNA library appeared to be identical to the embryonic del-1. Two
- 35 human cancer cell lines tested were weakly positive (Table 5). The results of Northern blot analysis were

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basically consistent with the pattern for a gene which was specifically active during endothelial cell development.

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Table 1

Human Adult

<u>5</u> .	heart	+
	brain	++++
	placenta	
	lung	_
	liver	_
10	spleen	_
	thymus	
	prostate	_
	testis	-
15	ovary	+
12	skeletal muscle	_
	kidney	-
	pancreas	-
1	small intestine	+
20	colon	-
	peripheral blood leukocyte	+/-

Table 2

Human Fetal

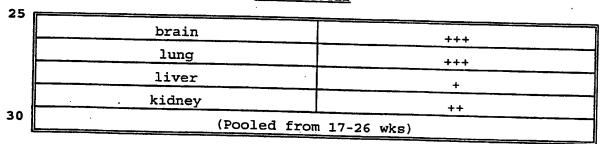


Table 3

Mouse Embryo

	7-day	-
5	11-day	++
	15-day	+++
	17-day	++

Table 4

Mouse Adult

	heart	-
Ĭ	brain	-
15	spleen	+
	lung	<u>-</u>
	liver	
ļ	skeletal muscle	
20	kidney	_

Table 5

<u>Human Cancer Cell</u>

25	Promyelocytic leukemia HL60	+/-
	HeLa cell S3	
1	Hera Cell 22	
	chronic myelogenous leukemia K-562	· <u>-</u>
	lymphoblastic leukemia MOLT4	<u>-</u>
30	Burkit's lymphoma Raji	<u>-</u>
	colorectal adenocarcinoma SW480	<u>-</u>
	lung carcinoma A549	
i.	melanoma G361	-

7.2.3. EXPRESSION ANALYSIS BY RT-PCR

RNA from mouse yolk sac (day 8 through day 12) and mouse fetal liver (day 13 through day 18) were tested for del-1 expression by RT-PCR. All tested samples were positive,
5 consistent with the Northern blot analysis and results from β-gal staining in transgenic mice (Table 6). Several mouse yolk sac-derived cell lines were also tested by RT-PCR for expression of del-1. For comparison, several other cell lines and total d15 mouse fetal liver RNA samples were
10 tested. All samples shown in Table 7 except ECV304 (a human endothelial cell line) were of mouse origin. The yolk sac-derived cell lines grown in long-term culture were not expressing del-1 at a detectable level. These cell cultures were not forming endothelial cell-like structures under these
15 conditions. In contrast, an endothelial tumor line, EOMA,

Table 6
Yolk Sac and Fetal Liver

expressed high levels of del-1.

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<u>Sample</u>	Result
d8 Yolk Sac	+
d9 Yolk Sac	+
d10 Yolk Sac	+
dl1 Yolk Sac	+
d12 Yolk Sac	+
d13 Fetal Liver	+
d14 Fetal Liver	+
d15 Fetal Liver	+
d16 Fetal Liver	+
d17 Fetal Liver	.+
d18 Fetal Liver	+

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Table 7

Cell Lines

	Cett rines				
	cell line	del-1			
5 .	3T3 A31				
	Sto 1	++			
	YS4	<u>-</u>			
	Pro135				
	Pro175				
10	D-1	~			
	A10	_			
	ROSA02	_			
	dl5FL	++			
15	EOMA	+++			
	ECV304 (human)	-			

A number of human tumors implanted in nude mice and cultured in vitro were shown to express del-1 by RT-PCR. For example, Table 8 shows the expression of del-1 in human osteosarcoma cell line 143B in vivo and in vitro. EOMA was used as a positive control. CD34, flk-1 and tie-2 are known markers for endothelial cells. When human and mouse del-1 specific PCR primers were used, both human (tumor) and murine (host) del-1 expression was detected. In addition, a variety of human tumor cell lines expressed del-1 in culture (Table 9). These results indicate that Del-1 may be used as a tumor marker in certain cancers diagnostically and therapeutically. In addition, host expression of del-1 is also up-regulated, possibly due to angiogenesis in tumor sites.

Table 8
Human osteosarcoma 143B

Sample	Actin	del-1	CD34	flk-1	tie-2
control nude mouse skin	-	-	nd	nd	nd
7 day tumor	+	+	nd	nd	nd
10 day tumor	+	+ .	+	+	+
14 day tumor	+	+	+	+	+
cultured 143B cells	+	+	-	-	~
EOMA	+	+	+	+	+
	control nude mouse skin 7 day tumor 10 day tumor 14 day tumor cultured 143B cells	control nude mouse - skin 7 day tumor + 10 day tumor + 14 day tumor + cultured 143B cells +	control nude mouse skin 7 day tumor + + 10 day tumor + + 14 day tumor + + cultured 143B cells + +	control nude mouse nd skin 7 day tumor + + nd 10 day tumor + + + 14 day tumor + + + cultured 143B cells + + -	control nude mouse skin - - nd nd 7 day tumor + + nd nd 10 day tumor + + + + 14 day tumor + + + + cultured 143B cells + + - -

nd = not determined

Table 9

Human tumor cell lines

	Cell Type	Sample	27 cycles	33 cycles
20	Normal	Myoblast HYSE-E HYS-VS1	+ + ++	+++ +++ ++++
	Leukemia	K562 HEL Mo7e	- - -	+/-
25 30	Glioblastoma	U-118 MG U-87 MG	+ ++	+++ +++
	CNS Tumor	SF295 U251 SNB75 SNB19 SF539	+ ++ ++ +	+++ ++++ ++++ +++
	Osteosarcoma	143B	+	++++
	Breast Carcinoma	DU4475 MCF-7 MDA231	- +/- +	- +++ +++
-	Endothelial	ECV304 HUVEC	+	- +++

8. EXAMPLE: IMMUNOREACTIVITY OF DEL-1 GENE PRODUCT 8.1. MATERIALS AND METHODS

8.1.1. ANTIBODY PRODUCTION

A partial del-1 cDNA encoding amino acids 353 to 489 of 5 the murine gene was cloned into pMALC2 (New England Biolabs) to generate a maltose binding protein-partial Del-1 fusion protein. The del-1 sequence included in this construct encodes a portion of the carboxyl terminal discoidin-like domain. Recombinant fusion protein was expressed and

- 10 purified over an amylose affinity matrix according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Protein was emulsified into Freund's complete adjuvant, and injected as multiple subcutaneous injections into two New Zealand White rabbits. Boosting and harvesting of immune serum was performed
- 15 according to established methodology (Harlow and Lane, 1988, Antibody: A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory). Immune serum obtained after the second boost was subjected to affinity purification. First, the antiserum was precleared over a Sepharose column coupled to total
- 20 bacterial lysate. Subsequently, the antiserum was purified over an affinity column made from recombinant fusion protein coupled to Sepharose. The specificity of the antiserum was evaluated first with western blots containing proteins from bacteria expressing the recombinant fusion protein before and
- 25 after cleavage with factor Xa, or the maltose binding protein alone. Whole bacterial lysates from cells induced with IPTG were run on polyacrylamide gels, transferred to nitrocellulose, and probed with the affinity-purified antiserum. While crude antiserum labeled bands corresponding
- 30 to maltose binding protein and the Del-1 portion of the fusion protein, affinity-purified antiserum specifically labeled the Del-1 component of the fusion protein.

8.1.2. WESTERN BLOT

For western blots of eukaryotic proteins, cells were harvested by lysis in a standard lysis buffer or Laemmli loading buffer. Cell culture supernatant was collected and

concentrated by centrifugation in a centricon filter, and extracellular matrix harvested by first removing cells with 1 mM EDTA in PBS, and then scraping the cell culture dish with a small volume of Laemmli buffer at 90°C.

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8.1.3. IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY

Immunohistochemistry was performed on sections prepared from Bouin's fixed, paraffin-embedded, staged mouse embryos according to well established methodology (Hogan et al.,

- 10 1994, Manipulating the Mouse Embryo, Cold Spring Harbor Press; Quertermous et al., 1994, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 91:7066). The affinity-purified Del-1 antiserum was employed at a dilution of 1:500 to 1:1000, and the specificity of staining verified by competition with recombinant protein.
- 15 Staining of cartilage was amplified by pre-treating the section with dilute trypsin solution.

8.1.4. TRANSFECTION OF YOLK SAC CELLS

A eukaryotic expression vector was constructed by 20 cloning the entire open reading frame of the major del-1 transcript into phbAPr-3-neo (Gunning et al., 1987, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 84:4831). This construct was transfected into yolk sac cells with Lipofectamine (Gibco BRL), and clones selected in the presence of 1000 µg/ml of

25 G418. Clones were evaluated for del-1 expression by northern and western blotting, and a group of clones with varying amounts of Del-1 protein were selected for further study. To serve as negative controls, a group of clones were randomly selected from a transfection with the empty phbAPr-3-neo 30 vector.

8.2. RESULTS

The major murine del-1 coding sequence was inserted into a eukaryotic expression vector and transfected into Del-

35 1-non-expressing yolk sac cells (Wei et al., 1995, Stem Cell 13:541). Pooled transfectants with an empty expression vector or the del-1 construct were selected in G418.

Lysates, cell culture supernatants and extracellular matrix were prepared from transfected cells, and reacted with an affinity-purified rabbit antiserum in Western blots. polyclonal antiserum was generated to recombinant Del-1 5 fusion protein expressed in bacteria. Figure 14A shows that a band of 52,000 daltons molecular weight was recognized in cell lysates prepared by harvesting the cells in lysis or standard Laemmli gel loading buffer, and in extracellular matrix. This band corresponds with the predicted molecular 10 weight for Del-1 based on the deduced amino acid sequence, and represented the full-length Del-1 protein. In contrast, no protein was identified with culture supernatants harvested from the transfectants, even when concentrated 100-fold. Additionally, smaller proteolytic fragments were also 15 detected. These results indicate that Del-1 is secreted across the surface of endothelial cells, and deposited in the

Several stably transfected yolk sac cell clones with the del-1 gene were selected (Figure 14B). When the transfected cells were reacted with the aforementioned antibody, both the membrane of certain yolk sac cells and the extracellular matrix were stained as compared with mock-transfected yolk sac cells as negative control (Figure 15A, 15B). In keeping with this staining pattern, immunostaining of developing bone of a 13.5 day mouse embryo detected the Del-1 protein in the laquanae within the bone, which were composed of extracellular matrix proteins (Figure 16).

extracellular matrix.

In order to test the expression of del-1 in tumor cells by immunohistochemistry, human glioma cells were implanted in 30 nude mice. The tumor was isolated, sectioned and stained with the aforementioned antibody followed by an anti-rabbit antibody conjugated with horse radish peroxidase and developed with Sigma Fast Red substitute. Figure 17A shows that the in vivo tumor cells were stained with the antibody 35 in a polarized fashion. Polarization of del-1 expression in tumor cells might have resulted from the interaction of the gene product with cellular receptors on adjacent cells. In

addition, a blood vessel of mouse origin traversing the human tumor was also stained with the antibody (Figure 17B).

9. EXAMPLE: DEL-1 INHIBITS VASCULAR FORMATION

5 9.1 <u>MATERIALS AND METHODS</u>

9.1.1. ANGIOGENESIS ASSAYS

In vitro angiogenesis assays on "MATRIGEL" (Biocoat,
Becton Dickinson) were conducted in 24 well plates coated
with 50 μl of "MATRIGEL". del-1 transfectants and control
transfectants were plated at a density of 5x10⁴ cells/well
(low density) or 2x10⁵ cells/well (high density), and observed
for seven days.

For the assay evaluating morphogenetic potential of wild type yolk sac cells on del-1 conditioned matrix, the matrix

15 was generated by growing 10⁶ del-1 transfectants in 6 cm dishes for 7 days. A control matrix was generated by growing control transfectants under identical conditions.

Transfected cells were removed with 0.5 M EDTA and extensive washing, and 10⁶ wild type yolk sac cells were plated on the

20 matrix produced by the del-1 or the control transfectants.

Cells were cultured and observed for seven days.

For the *in vitro* angiogenesis sprouting assay, *del-1* and control transfectants were trypsinized, and 10⁶ cells cultured in a 15 ml conical tubes for 48 hours. Cell cultures were then transferred into a bacterial petri dish, and cultured for 4-7 days. Under these conditions, cell aggregates were formed. Several aggregates were collected for *del-1* and control transfectants, and these were transferred to 24 well plates coated with "Matrigel". Sprouting angiogenesis was evaluated at 24 and 48 hours.

9.2. RESULTS

The yolk sac cell line, YS-B, was chosen as the parental cell for del-1 transfection because it had characteristics of 35 embryonic endothelial cells, did not express del-1, was clonal and long lived in culture (Figure 18A). Most importantly, these cells provided a model of vascularization

of the early yolk sac. While they were easily grown and maintained with frequent passage, when allowed to accumulate to high density they spontaneously formed vascular structures. This process was accelerated when the cells were 5 plated on the basement membrane-like material "MATRIGEL", on which they behaved similar to various types of cultured endothelial cells (Figure 18B). Cell lines transfected with the cDNA encoding of the major form of del-1 were selected for varying levels of expression of the transfected construct 10 (Figure 14B). Cell lines transfected with the empty expression plasmid were selected to serve as negative controls.

The del-1 transfected yolk sac clones and mocktransfected yolk sac lines were compared for their ability to
15 form branching vascular-like structures on "MATRIGEL". After
24 hours on "MATRIGEL", the negative control transfectants
had established an intricate network typical for these cells
(Figure 18C). Cells (L10) expressing high levels of del-1
showed a markedly different pattern, assembling into multiple
20 well-spaced clusters (Figure 18D). This abrogation of
morphogenesis was directly related to the level of del-1
expression, as low del-1 expressing clones, L13 and L14,
showed some degree of branching morphology.

Since Del-1 protein is deposited in the extracellular

25 matrix, one del-1 expressing clone, L10, was used to generate a cell culture matrix containing Del-1 protein. Matrix generated by negative control clones should differ only by the absence of Del-1. Transfected and control lines were cultured for 7 days, and then gently removed from the culture dish by extensive washing with 1 mM EDTA. By visual inspection, only a rare cell was not removed with this technique. Non-transfected native yolk sac cells were then plated on the Del-1-containing and the control matrices, and scored for their ability to assemble into a network. The yolk sac cells required several days at high density to undergo morphogenesis, and the network was lace-like in appearance. Cells grown on the matrix produced by negative

control transfectants were able to produce the network (Figure 18E). In contrast, yolk sac cells grown on matrix containing Del-1 revealed no evidence of morphogenesis. They formed instead a dense monolayer (Figure 18F).

- 5. Next, an in vitro angiogenesis sprouting assay was employed with the transfected yolk sac lines. This assay has been employed to evaluate angiogenic potential (Pepper at al. 1991, J. Cell. Physiol. 146:170). Transfected cells were allowed to stand overnight in a conical tube to allow them to 10 aggregate, and the cell mass was then placed on "MATRIGEL". The ability of the del-1 expressing cells to migrate onto the "MATRIGEL" and assemble into branching structures was compared to control cells. Within 24 hours, the control cells formed a series of branching projections, while the 15 cells expressing del-1 remained virtually confined to the cellular aggregate (Figure 18G and 18H). While there was some evidence of spreading of the del-1 expressing cells after 48 hours, it was more as a sheet rather than a sprouting structure.
- Hence, Del-1 inhibits vascular morphogenesis and may be used to regulate endothelial cell differentiation.

10. EXAMPLE: DEL-1 BINDS TO INTEGRIN ALPHA V BETA 3

10.1. <u>MATERIALS AND METHODS</u>

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10.1.1. RECOMBINANT DEL-1 PURIFICATION AND REFOLDING

Recombinant murine Del-1 protein (major form) was prepared using an E. coli expression system and protein refolding technique. E. coli cells with the del-1 containing pET28a vector (Novagen Inc.) were grown and induced following the protocol recommended by the manufacturer. Approximately 50 to 100 mg of crude recombinant Del-1 were routinely produced from 1L of bacterial culture in the form of insoluble cytoplasmic inclusion bodies. Inclusion bodies were isolated by sonication of the E. coli cells, centrifugation and collection of the pellet fraction.

Inclusion bodies from 500 ml of culture were then washed three times with 50 ml of 2M Urea, 0.025 M Tris-Cl (pH8.0), 0.025% Triton X100. This procedure yielded a crude, insoluble, Del-1 product of > 80% purity.

From 500 ml of culture in 2.5 ml of 8M Urea, 100 mM DTT, 0.1 M Tris-Cl (pH8.0), 0.05% Triton X100, followed by incubation at room temperature for 1 hr. Insoluble material remaining was removed by centrifugation and the soluble supernatant fraction was diluted 10 fold to 25 ml with 8M Urea, 100 mM Tris-Cl (pH 8.0), 0.05% Triton X100. Protein concentration was then measured by Bradford protein determination assay.

Soluble, reduced Del-1 was refolded by diluting to a

15 final concentration of 0.01 mg/ml into refolding buffer:

100 mM Tris-Cl (pH8.0), 100 mM (NH₄)₂SO₄, 2 mM reduced

glutathione, 0.5 mM oxidized glutathione, 0.05% sodium azide,

0.025 mg/ml PMSF. Refolding was performed by incubating this

reaction mix at 4°C for one week. Refolded Del-1 was then

20 concentrated using an Amicon spiral concentrator and the

soluble material remaining was collected.

The recombinant Del-1 product produced from the pET28a expression vector is a fusion protein with both N-terminal and C-terminal polyhistidine tags. This product was purified 25 using the Novagen His tag resin purification system, following the protocol recommended by the supplier.

Refolded murine recombinant Del-1 was soluble and stable when stored at 4°C in Tris-Cl buffer with 100 mM $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ at concentrations of less than or equal to 100 mg/ml.

30 10.1.2. <u>CELL ADHESION ASSAYS</u>

Human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVEC) (Clonetics Inc., San Diego, CA) were grown as indicated by the supplier in endothelial growth media supplemented with 10 ng/ml human recombinant epidermal growth factor, 1 μg/ml 35 hydrocortisone, 50 μg/ml gentamicin, 12 μg/ml bovine brain extract and 2% FBS. Cells were grown at 37°C/5% CO₂ to 70% confluency before use in the binding assay. Non-tissue

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culture treated 96 well plates were coated with appropriate levels of target protein (1-20 µg of either murine recombinant Del-1, vitronectin, or BSA) diluted in calcium and magnesium free PBS for 24 hrs at 4°C. The plates were 5 washed with PBS and blocked for 30 min with a solution of heat treated (95°C for 5 min) PBS containing 3% BSA. cells were harvested by trypsinization and resuspended in an adhesion buffer (Hanks balanced salt solution pH 7.4 containing 10mM Hepes, 2.2 mM MgCl, 2 mM Cacl, 0.2mM MnCl, 10 and 1% BSA). Cells $(10^4/100 \mu l)$ were added to each well in the presence or absence of the indicated antagonists or controls at varying concentrations. Antagonists included anti-human $\alpha V\beta 3$ (clone LM609, Chemicon Inc.), RGE peptides (the inactive control GRGESP) or RGD the stable antagonist 15 GPenGRGDSPCA or GRGDdSP all from Gibco). Cells were incubated at 37°C/5% CO2 for 60-90 min and wells were washed until no cells remained in the BSA control. To count remaining cells, 100 µl of endothelial media was added to each well. Cells number was determined by the Promega Cell 20 titer AQ as indicated by the manufacturer.

10.2. RESULTS

Recombinant Del-1 protein and del-1 transfectants bound HUVEC. In order to identify a cellular receptor on HUVEC for 25 Del-1, various peptides and antibodies were used to inhibit the interactions between Del-1 and HUVEC in cell adhesion assays. Figure 19 shows that an anti-αVβ3 antibody specifically inhibited recombinant Del-1 binding to HUVEC. In contrast, anti-αVβ5 did not inhibit, nor did the control 30 Ig. Furthermore, an RGD peptide was also shown to inhibit Del-1 binding to HUVEC (Figure 20). Similar results were obtained using extracellular matrix obtained from del-1 transfected cells. Therefore, Del-1 binds to αVβ3 expressed by HUVEC, possibly via RGD in its second EGF-like domain.

is associated with bFGF-induced angiogenic endothelial cells.

Agents that bind to this integrin induce apoptosis of

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'angiogenic endothelial cells. Since Del-1 binds to this integrin, it may be used to induce apoptosis during angiogenesis in tumor sites to reduce tumor growth.

5 11. EXAMPLE: CHROMOSOMAL LOCALIZATION OF HUMAN DEL-1

DNA from P1 clone 10043 was labeled with digoxigenin dUTP by nick translation. The labeled probe was combined with sheared human DNA and hybridized to normal metaphase chromosomes derived from PHA stimulated peripheral blood

- 10 lymphocytes in a solution containing 50% formamide, 10% dextran sulfate and 2X SSC. Specific hybridization signals were detected by incubating the hybridized slides in fluoresceinated antidigoxigenin antibodies followed by counterstaining with DAPI. The initial experiment resulted
- A second experiment was conducted in which a probe that had previously been mapped to 5q34, and confirmed by cohybridization with a probe from the cri du chat locus which is known to localize to 5p15, was cohybridized with clone
- 20 10043. This experiment resulted in the specific labeling of the mid and distal long arm of chromosome 5 (Figure 21 A and B). Measurements of 10 specifically hybridized chromosomes 5 demonstrated that clone 10043 was located at a position which was 29% of the distance form the centromere to the telomere
- 25 of chromosome arm 5q, an area that corresponded to band 5q14. A total of 80 metaphase cells were analyzed with 74 exhibiting specific labeling. This region of the chromosome has been found to be a break point in some human cancers (Wieland and Bohm, 1994, Cancer Res. 54:1772; Fong et al.,
- 30 1995, Cancer Res. 55:220; Wieland et al., 1996, 12:97,
 Oncogene 12:97). Thus, chromosome 5 aberrations may lead to
 altered expression of del-1 and contribute to the malignant
 phenotype.

12. DEPOSIT OF MICROORGANISMS

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	Strain Designation	Accession No.
	Hu DEL-1.Z1	ATCC 97155
	Hu DEL-1.Z20	ATCC 97154
	mus DEL-1.1	ATCC 97196
10	mus DEL-1.18	ATCC 97197

The present invention is not to be limited in scope by the exemplified embodiments or deposited organisms which are intended as illustrations of single aspects of the invention, and any clones, DNA or amino acid sequences which are

- 15 functionally equivalent are within the scope of the invention. Indeed, various modifications of the invention in addition to those described herein will become apparent to those skilled in the art from the foregoing description and accompanying drawings. Such modifications are intended to
- 20 fall within the scope of the appended claims. It is also to be understood that all base pair sizes given for nucleotides are approximate and are used for purposes of description.

All publications cited herein are incorporated by reference in their entirety.

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SEQUENCE LISTING

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- (ii) TITLE OF INVENTION: DEVELOPMENTALLY-REGULATED ENDOTHELIAL CELL LOCUS-1
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 - (E) COUNTRY: United States (F) ZIP: 10036-2711
- (v) COMPUTER READABLE FORM:
 - (A) MEDIUM TYPE: Floppy disk

 - (B) COMPUTER: IBM PC compatible (C) OPERATING SYSTEM: PC-DOS/MS-DOS
 - (D) SOFTWARE: PatentIn Release #1.0, Version #1.30
- (vi) CURRENT APPLICATION DATA:
 - (A) APPLICATION NUMBER: To Be Assigned
 - (B) FILING DATE: 05-JUN-1996
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- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:1:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 85 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS:
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
 - (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
 - (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:1:
 - Asp Leu Leu Val Pro Thr Lys Val Thr Gly Ile Ile Thr Gln Gly Xaa

Xaa Ala Lys Asp Phe Gly Asp Val Leu Phe Val Gly Ser Tyr Lys Leu 20 25 30

Ala Tyr Ser Asn Asp Gly Glu His Trp Met Val His Gln Asp Glu Lys

Gln Arg Lys Asp Lys Val Phe Gln Gly Asn Phe Asp Asn Asp Thr His

Arg Lys Asn Val Ile Asp Pro Pro Ile Tyr Ala Arg Phe Ile Arg Ile

Leu Pro Leu Xaa Xaa

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:2:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 85 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS:
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:2:

Asp Leu Gly Ser Ser Lys Glu Val Thr Gly Ile Ile Thr Gln Gly Xaa 15

Xaa Ala Arg Asn Phe Gly Ser Val Gln Phe Val Ala Ser Tyr Lys Val

Ala Tyr Ser Asn Asp Ser Ala Asn Trp Thr Glu Tyr Gln Asp Pro Arg

Thr Gly Ser Ser Lys Val Phe Gln Gly Asn Leu Asp Asn Asn Ser His

Lys Lys Asn Ile Phe Glu Lys Pro Phe Met Ala Arg Tyr Val Arg Val

Leu Pro Val Xaa Xaa

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:3:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 85 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid (C) STRANDEDNESS:

 - (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:3:

Asp Leu Leu Lys Ile Lys Lys Ile Thr Ala Ile Ile Thr Gln Gly Xaa 1 5 10 15

Xaa Cys Lys Ser Leu Ser Ser Glu Met Tyr Val Lys Ser Tyr Thr Ile 20 25 30

His Tyr Ser Glu Gln Gly Val Glu Trp Lys Pro Tyr Arg Leu Lys Ser 35 40 45

Ser Met Val Asp Lys Ile Phe Glu Gly Asn Thr Asn Thr Lys Gly His 50 55

Val Lys Asn Phe Phe Asn Pro Pro Ile Ile Ser Arg Phe Ile Arg Val 65 70 75 80

Ile Pro Lys Xaa Xaa 85

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:4:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 85 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS:
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:4:

Asp Leu Gln Lys Thr Met Lys Val Thr Gly Ile Ile Thr Gln Gly Xaa 1 5 10 15

Xaa Val Lys Ser Leu Phe Thr Ser Met Phe Val Lys Glu Phe Leu Ile 20 25 30

Ser Ser Ser Gln Asp Gly His His Trp Thr Xaa Xaa Gln Ile Leu Tyr 35 40 45

Asn Gly Lys Val Lys Val Phe Gln Gly Asn Gln Asp Ser Ser Thr Pro 50 55 60

Met Met Asn Ser Leu Asp Pro Pro Leu Leu Thr Arg Xaa Xaa Xaa 65 70 75 80

Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa 85

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:5:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 85 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS:
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:5:

Asp Leu Glu Asn Leu Arg Phe Val Ser Gly Ile Gly Thr Gln Gly Ala

Ile Ser Lys Glu Thr Lys Lys Lys Tyr Phe Val Lys Ser Tyr Lys Val

Asp Ile Ser Ser Asn Gly Glu Asp Trp Ile Xaa Xaa Thr Leu Lys Gly

Asp Asn Lys His Leu Val Phe Thr Gly Asn Thr Asp Ala Thr Asp Val

Val Tyr Arg Pro Phe Ser Lys Pro Val Ile Thr Arg Phe Val Arg Leu

Arg Pro Val Thr Trp

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:6:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 85 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid (C) STRANDEDNESS:

 - (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:6:

Asp Leu Ala Glu Glu Lys Ile Val Arg Gly Val Ile Ile Gln Gly Xaa

Xaa Gly Lys His Lys Glu Asn Lys Val Phe Met Arg Lys Phe Lys Ile

Gly Tyr Ser Asn Asn Gly Thr Glu Trp Glu Met Ile Met Asp Ser Ser

Lys Asn Lys Pro Lys Thr Phe Glu Gly Asn Thr Asn Tyr Asp Thr Pro

Glu Leu Arg Thr Phe Xaa Ala His Ile Thr Thr Gly Phe Ile Arg Ile

Ile Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:7:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 85 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS:
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:7:

Gly Cys Glu Val Pro Arg Thr Phe Met Cys Val Ala Leu Gln Gly Xaa

Xaa Xaa Arg Gly Xaa Asp Ala Asp Gln Trp Val Thr Ser Tyr Lys Ile

Arg Tyr Ser Leu Asp Asn Val Ser Trp Phe Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Glu

Tyr Arg Asn Gly Ala Ala Ile Thr Gly Val Thr Asp Arg Asn Thr Val

Val Asn His Phe Phe Asp Thr Pro Ile Arg Ala Arg Ser Ile Ala Ile

His Pro Leu Thr Xaa 85

- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:8:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 85 amino acids (B) TYPE: amino acid

 - (C) STRANDEDNESS:
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
 - (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
 - (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:8:

Asp Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Val Thr Gly Ile Ile Thr Gln Gly Xaa

Xaa Xaa Lys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Phe Val Xaa Ser Tyr Lys Ile

Xaa Tyr Ser Xaa Asp Gly Xaa Xaa Trp Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa

Xaa Xaa Lys Xaa Lys Val Phe Xaa Gly Asn Thr Asp Xaa Xaa Thr Xaa

Xaa Xaa Asn Xaa Phe Xaa Xaa Pro Ile Xaa Xaa Arg Phe Ile Arg Xaa

Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa

- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:9:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 2303 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 619..2058

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:9:

(XI) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 3:	
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GAT TCC TTT TCC TGT GAG TGT CCA GAA GGC TTC GCA GGT CCG AAC TGC Asp Ser Phe Ser Cys Glu Cys Pro Glu Gly Phe Ala Gly Pro Asn Cys 45 50 55	795
TCT AGT GTT GTG GAG GTT GCA TCA GAT GAA GAA AAG CCT ACT TCA GCA Ser Ser Val Val Glu Val Ala Ser Asp Glu Glu Lys Pro Thr Ser Ala 60 65 70 75	843
GGT CCC TGC ATC CCT AAC CCA TGC CAT AAC GGA GGA ACC TGT GAG ATA Gly Pro Cys Ile Pro Asn Pro Cys His Asn Gly Gly Thr Cys Glu Ile 80 85 90	891
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GAA GCT GAG CCT TGC AGA AAT GGC GGA ATA TGT ACC GAC CTT GTT GCT	1035

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					GAA Glu											1275
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					GAG Glu											1371
AAT Asn	GAC Asp	GGG Gly	AAG Lys 255	ACC Thr	TGG Trp	GCA Ala	ATG Met	TAC Tyr 260	AAA Lys	GTA Val	AAA Lys	GGC Gly	ACC Thr 265	AAT Asn	GAA Glu	1419
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					ATC Ile											1515
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GAC Asp	TAC Tyr	CAG Gln	ATC Ile 335	ACT Thr	GCC Ala	TCC Ser	AGC Ser	GTC Val 340	TTC Phe	AGA Arg	ACA Thr	CTC Leu	AAC Asn 345	ATG Met	GAC Asp	1659
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					TCC Ser											1755

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			ATC Ile													1995
			TGG Trp													2043
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CTGT	'GAGT	TA C	TCTI	CTTG	T TO	TCT										2303

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:10:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 480 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:10:

Met Lys His Leu Val Ala Ala Trp Leu Leu Val Gly Leu Ser Leu Gly

Val Pro Gln Phe Gly Lys Gly Asp Ile Cys Asn Pro Asn Pro Cys Glu 20 25 30

Asn Gly Gly Ile Cys Leu Ser Gly Leu Ala Asp Asp Ser Phe Ser Cys 35 40

Glu Cys Pro Glu Gly Phe Ala Gly Pro Asn Cys Ser Ser Val Val Glu
50 55 60

Val Ala Ser Asp Glu Glu Lys Pro Thr Ser Ala Gly Pro Cys Ile Pro 65. 70 75 80

Asn Pro Cys His Asn Gly Gly Thr Cys Glu Ile Ser Glu Ala Tyr Arg Gly Asp Thr Phe Ile Gly Tyr Val Cys Lys Cys Pro Arg Gly Phe Asn 100 105 110 Gly Ile His Cys Gln His Asn Ile Asn Glu Cys Glu Ala Glu Pro Cys Arg Asn Gly Gly Ile Cys Thr Asp Leu Val Ala Asn Tyr Ser Cys Glu Cys Pro Gly Glu Phe Met Gly Arg Asn Cys Gln Tyr Lys Cys Ser Gly His Leu Gly Ile Glu Gly Gly Ile Ile Ser Asn Gln Gln Ile Thr Ala Ser Ser Asn His Arg Ala Leu Phe Gly Leu Gln Lys Trp Tyr Pro Tyr 180 185 190 Tyr Ala Arg Leu Asn Lys Lys Gly Leu Ile Asn Ala Trp Thr Ala Ala Glu Asn Asp Arg Trp Pro Trp Ile Gln Ile Asn Leu Gln Arg Lys Met Arg Val Thr Gly Val Ile Thr Gln Gly Ala Lys Arg Ile Gly Ser Pro 225 230 235 240 Glu Tyr Ile Lys Ser Tyr Lys Ile Ala Tyr Ser Asn Asp Gly Lys Thr 245 250 255 Trp Ala Met Tyr Lys Val Lys Gly Thr Asn Glu Glu Met Val Phe Arg Gly Asn Val Asp Asn Asn Thr Pro Tyr Ala Asn Ser Phe Thr Pro Pro Ile Lys Ala Gln Tyr Val Arg Leu Tyr Pro Gln Ile Cys Arg Arg His Cys Thr Leu Arg Met Glu Leu Leu Gly Cys Glu Leu Ser Gly Cys Ser Glu Pro Leu Gly Met Lys Ser Gly His Ile Gln Asp Tyr Gln Ile Thr Ala Ser Ser Val Phe Arg Thr Leu Asn Met Asp Met Phe Thr Trp Glu Pro Arg Lys Ala Arg Leu Asp Lys Gln Gly Lys Val Asn Ala Trp Thr Ser Gly His Asn Asp Gln Ser Gln Trp Leu Gln Val Asp Leu Leu Val 375 Pro Thr Lys Val Thr Gly Ile Ile Thr Gln Gly Ala Lys Asp Phe Gly His Val Gln Phe Val Gly Ser Tyr Lys Leu Ala Tyr Ser Asn Asp Gly

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Glu His Trp Met Val His Gln Asp Glu Lys Gln Arg Lys Asp Lys Val Phe Gln Gly Asn Phe Asp Asn Asp Thr His Arg Lys Asn Val Ile Asp Pro Pro Ile Tyr Ala Arg Phe Ile Arg Ile Leu Pro Trp Ser Trp Tyr Gly Arg Ile Thr Leu Arg Ser Glu Leu Leu Gly Cys Ala Glu Glu 470

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:11:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 1780 base pairs (B) TYPE: nucleic acid (C) STRANDEDNESS: single (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
- (ix) FEATURE:

 - (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 1..1779
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:11:

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			GCT Ala							144
			GGG Gly							192
_			CTC Leu 70							240
 			ATT Ile						-	288
			TTG Leu							336
			CCC Pro							384

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	Asn					GAA Glu											480
						AAA Lys											528
						GAA Glu											576
						GTT Val											624
		Met				TGT Cys 215											672
						TCA Ser											720
						CTC Leu											768
						ATA Ile											816
						CAG Gln											864
ACT Thr	GGT Gly 290	GTG Val	ATT Ile	ACC Thr	CAA Gln	GGG Gly 295	GCC Ala	AAG Lys	AGG Arg	ATT Ile	GGA Gly 300	AGC Ser	CCA Pro	GAG Glu	TAT Tyr		912
ATA Ile 305	AAA Lys	TTC Phe	TAC Tyr	AAA Lys	ATT Ile 310	GCC Ala	TAC Tyr	AGT Ser	AAT Asn	GAT Asp 315	GGA Gly	AAG Lys	ACT Thr	TGG Trp	GCA Ala 320		960
						ACC Thr										1	.008
ATT Ile						TAT Tyr										1	.056
						TAT Tyr										1	104
TTG Leu	CGA Arg 370	ATG Met	GAA Glu	CTT Leu	CTT Leu	GGC Gly 375	TGT Cys	GAA Glu	CTG Leu	TCG Ser	GGT Gly 380	TGT Cys	TCT Ser	GAG Glu	CCT Pro	1	152

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			AAA Lys									1200
			AGA Arg									1248
			CTG Leu 420									1296
			CAG Gln									1344
			GCC									1392
			GCG								,	1440
			TAC Tyr									1488
			GAC Asp 500									1536
			CGA Arg									1584
	-		GCG Ala									1632
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TAC Tyr	С							_				1780

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:12:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 17 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:12:

Ser Leu * Ser Pro Leu Ser Pro Ser Pro Arg Ile Cys Leu Thr Lys

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Arg

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:13:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 6 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:13:

Gly Lys Arg Thr Ser Ser

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:14:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 517 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:14:

Ile Leu * * Gly Arg Ser Leu Leu Pro Cys Ala Ala Thr Ser

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Ala Thr Leu Pro Ser Ala Thr Thr Pro Asp Gln Pro Gly Ser Arg Pro 20 25 30

Gly Asp Gly Ile Met Lys Arg Ser Val Ala Val Trp Leu Leu Val Gly 35 40 45

Leu Ser Leu Gly Val Pro Gln Phe Gly Lys Gly Asp Ile Cys Asp Pro 50 55 60

Asn Pro Cys Glu Asn Gly Gly Ile Cys Leu Pro Gly Leu Ala Val Gly 65 70 75 80

Ser Phe Ser Cys Glu Cys Pro Asp Gly Phe Thr Asp Pro Asn Cys Ser 85 90 95

Ser Val Val Glu Val Ala Ser Asp Glu Glu Pro Thr Ser Ala Gly
100 105 110

Pro Cys Thr Pro Asn Pro Cys His Asn Gly Gly Thr Cys Glu Ile Ser 115 120 125

Glu Ala Tyr Arg Gly Asp Thr Phe Ile Gly Tyr Val Cys Lys Cys Pro 130 135 140

Arg Gly Phe Asn Gly Ile His Cys Gln His Asn Ile Asn Glu Cys Glu 145 150 155 160

Val Glu Pro Cys Lys Asn Gly Gly Ile Cys Thr Asp Leu Val Ala Asn Tyr Ser Cys Glu Cys Pro Gly Glu Phe Met Gly Arg Asn Cys Gln Tyr Lys Cys Ser Gly Pro Leu Gly Ile Glu Gly Gly Ile Ile Ser Asn Gln Gln Ile Thr Ala Ser Ser Thr His Arg Ala Leu Phe Gly Leu Gln Lys Trp Tyr Pro Tyr Tyr Ala Arg Leu Asn Lys Lys Gly Leu Ile Asn Ala Trp Thr Ala Ala Glu Asn Asp Arg Trp Lys Arg Trp Ile Gln Ile Asn Leu Gln Arg Lys Met Arg Val Thr Gly Val Ile Thr Gln Gly Ala Lys Arg Ile Gly Ser Pro Glu Tyr Ile Lys Phe Tyr Lys Ile Ala Tyr Ser Asn Asp Gly Lys Thr Trp Ala Met Tyr Lys Val Lys Gly Thr Asn Glu 295 Asp Met Val Phe Arg Gly Asn Ile Asp Asn Asn Thr Pro Tyr Ala Asn Ser Phe Thr Pro Pro Ile Lys Ala Gln Tyr Val Arg Leu Tyr Pro Gln Val Cys Arg Arg His Cys Thr Leu Arg Met Glu Leu Leu Gly Cys Glu Leu Ser Gly Cys Ser Glu Pro Leu Gly Met Lys Ser Gly His Ile Gln Asp Tyr Gln Ile Thr Ala Ser Ser Ile Phe Arg Thr Leu Asn Met Asp Met Phe Thr Trp Glu Pro Arg Lys Ala Arg Leu Asp Lys Gln Gly Lys Val Asn Ala Trp Thr Ser Gly His Asn Asp Gln Ser Gln Trp Leu Gln Val Asp Leu Leu Val Pro Thr Lys Val Thr Gly Ile Ile Thr Gln Gly Ala Lys Asp Phe Gly His Val Gln Phe Val Gly Ser Tyr Lys Leu Ala Tyr Ser Asn Asp Gly Glu His Trp Thr Val Tyr Gln Asp Glu Lys Gln Arg Lys Asp Lys Val Phe Gln Gly Asn Phe Asp Asn Asp Thr His Arg Lys Asn Val Ile Asp Pro Pro Ile Tyr Ala Arg His Ile Arg Ile Leu Pro Trp Ser Trp Tyr Gly Arg Ile Thr Leu Ala Ser Glu Leu Leu Gly 500 505

Cys Thr Glu Glu Glu 515

- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:15:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 25 amino acids (B) TYPE: amino acid

 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 - (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
 - (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:15:

Gly Glu Ala Thr Phe His Asn Arg Leu Pro Tyr Leu Gly Lys Ser Ile

Ser Met Glu Thr Val * Asn Leu 20

- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:16:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 9 amino acids (B) TYPE: amino acid

 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 - (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
 - (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:16:

Glu Thr Glu Trp Phe Phe Phe Ser

- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:17:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 9 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 - (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
 - (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:17:

Lys Ser Gly Gln Ile Met Val Gly Asn

- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:18:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 9 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 - (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:18:

Arg Cys Phe Tyr

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:19:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 318 base pairs (B) TYPE: nucleic acid

 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:19:

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TTTCGTGGAA	ATGTTGATAA	CAACACACCA	TATGCTAATT	CTTTCACACC	CCCAATCAAA	240
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:20:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 320 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid

 - (C) STRANDEDNESS:
 (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:20:
- Cys Ser Thr Gln Leu Gly Met Glu Gly Gly Ala Ile Ala Asp Ser Gln
- Ile Ser Ala Ser Tyr Val Tyr Met Gly Phe Met Gly Leu Gln Arg Trp
- Gly Pro Glu Leu Ala Arg Leu Tyr Arg Thr Gly Ile Val Asn Ala Trp
- His Ala Ser Asn Tyr Asp Xaa Ser Lys Pro Trp Ile Gln Val Asn Leu
- Leu Arg Lys Met Arg Val Ser Gly Val Met Thr Gln Gly Ala Ser Arg
- Ala Gly Arg Ala Glu Tyr Leu Lys Thr Phe Lys Val Ala Tyr Ser Leu

Asp Gly Xaa Arg Lys Phe Glu Phe Ile Gln Asp Glu Ser Gly Gly Asp Lys Glu Phe Leu Gly Asn Leu Asp Asn Asn Ser Leu Lys Val Asn Met 120 Phe Asn Pro Thr Leu Glu Ala Gln Tyr Ile Arg Leu Tyr Pro Val Ser Cys His Arg Gly Cys Thr Leu Arg Phe Glu Leu Leu Gly Cys Glu Leu 150 His Gly Cys Leu Glu Pro Leu Gly Leu Lys Asn Asn Thr Ile Pro Asp Ser Gln Met Ser Ala Ser Ser Ser Tyr Lys Thr Trp Asn Leu Arg Ala Phe Gly Trp Tyr Pro His Leu Gly Arg Leu Asp Asn Gln Gly Lys Ile 200 Asn Ala Trp Thr Ala Gln Ser Asn Ser Ala Lys Glu Trp Leu Gln Val Asp Leu Gly Thr Gln Arg Gln Val Thr Gly Ile Ile Thr Gln Gly Ala Arg Asp Phe Gly His Ile Gln Tyr Val Glu Ser Tyr Lys Val Ala His Ser Asp Asp Gly Val Gln Trp Thr Val Tyr Xaa Xaa Glu Glu Gln Gly Ser Ser Lys Val Phe Gln Gly Asn Leu Asp Asn Asn Ser His Lys Lys Asn Ile Phe Glu Lys Pro Phe Met Ala Arg Tyr Val Arg Val Leu Pro Val Ser Trp His Asn Arg Ile Thr Leu Arg Leu Glu Leu Leu Gly Cys 305

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:21:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 321 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS:
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:21:
- Cys Ser Gly Pro Leu Gly Ile Glu Gly Gly Ile Ile Ser Asn Gln Gln
 1 5 10 15
- Ile Thr Ala Ser Ser Thr His Arg Ala Leu Phe Gly Leu Gln Lys Trp
 20 25 30

Tyr Pro Tyr Tyr Ala Arg Leu Asn Lys Lys Gly Leu Ile Asn Ala Trp 35 40 45 Thr Ala Ala Glu Asn Asp Arg Trp Asn Arg Trp Ile Gln Ile Asn Leu Gln Arg Lys Met Arg Val Thr Gly Val Ile Thr Gln Gly Ala Lys Arg Ile Gly Ser Pro Glu Tyr Ile Lys Phe Tyr Lys Ile Ala Tyr Ser Asn Asp Gly Lys Thr Trp Ala Met Tyr Lys Val Lys Gly Thr Asn Glu Asp Met Val Phe Arg Gly Asn Ile Asp Asn Asn Thr Pro Tyr Ala Asn Ser Phe Thr Pro Pro Ile Lys Ala Gln Tyr Val Arg Leu Tyr Pro Gln Val Cys Arg Arg His Cys Thr Leu Arg Met Glu Leu Leu Gly Cys Glu Leu Ser Gly Cys Ser Glu Pro Leu Gly Met Lys Ser Gly His Ile Gln Asp Tyr Gln Ile Thr Ala Ser Ser Ile Phe Arg Thr Leu Asn Met Asp Met Phe Thr Trp Glu Pro Arg Lys Ala Arg Leu Asp Lys Gln Gly Lys Val Asn Ala Trp Thr Ser Gly His Asn Asp Gln Ser Gln Trp Leu Gln Val Xaa Leu Leu Val Pro Thr Lys Val Thr Gly Ile Ile Thr Gln Gly Ala Lys Asp Xaa Gly His Val Gln Phe Val Gly Ser Tyr Lys Leu Ala Tyr Ser Asn Asp Gly Glu His Trp Thr Val Xaa Gln Asp Glu Lys Gln Arg 260 265 270 Lys Asp Lys Val Xaa Gln Gly Asn Phe Asp Asn Asp Thr His Arg Lys Asn Val Ile Asp Pro Pro Ile Tyr Ala Arg His Ile Arg Ile Leu Pro Trp Ser Trp Tyr Gly Arg Ile Thr Leu Ala Ser Glu Leu Leu Gly Cys 315 Thr

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:22:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 25 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS:

- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:22:

Met Lys Arg Ser Val Ala Val Trp Leu Leu Val Gly Leu Ser Leu Gly
1 5 10 15

Val Pro Gln Phe Gly Lys Gly Asp Ile 20 25

- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:23:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 57 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS:
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
 - (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
 - (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:23:

Cys Asp Pro Asn Pro Cys Glu Asn Gly Gly Ile Cys Leu Pro Gly Leu
1 5 10 15

Ala Val Gly Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Ser Phe Ser Cys Glu Cys Pro Asp 20 25 30

Gly Phe Thr Asp Pro Asn Cys Ser Ser Val Val Glu Val Ala Ser Asp 35 40 45

Glu Glu Glu Pro Thr Ser Ala Gly Pro
50 55

- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:24:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 43 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS:
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
 - (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
 - (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:24:

Cys Thr Pro Asn Pro Cys His Asn Gly Gly Thr Cys Glu Ile Ser Glu 1 5 10 15

Ala Tyr Arg Gly Asp Thr Phe Ile Gly Tyr Val Cys Lys Cys Pro Arg
20 25 30

Gly Phe Asn Gly Ile His Cys Gln His Asn Ile 35

- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:25:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 42 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS:
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
 - (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
 - (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:25:

Cys Glu Val Glu Pro Cys Lys Asn Gly Gly Ile Cys Thr Asp Leu Val

Ala Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Asn Tyr Ser Cys Glu Cys Pro Gly
20 25 30

Glu Phe Met Gly Arg Asn Cys Gln Tyr Lys 35 40

- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:26:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 40 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS:
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
 - (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide
 - (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:26:

Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Pro Cys Xaa Asn Gly Gly Xaa Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa 1 10 15

Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Tyr Xaa Cys Xaa Cys Xaa Xaa 20 25 30

Gly Tyr Xaa Gly Xaa Xaa Cys Xaa 35 40

- (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:27:
 - (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 310 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
 - (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)
 - (ix) FEATURE:

(A)	NAME/KEY:	CDS
(B)	LOCATION:	1309

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:27:

NGTGATATTT	GTGATCCCAA	TCCATGTGAA	AATGGAGGTA	TCTGTTTGCC	AGGATTGGCT	60
GTAGGTTCCT	TTTCCTGTGA	GTGTCCAGAT	GGCTTCACAG	ACCCCAACTG	TTCTAGTGTT	120
GTGGAGGTTG	GTCCCTGCAC	TCCTAATCCA	TGCCATAATG	GAGGAACCTG	TGAAATAAGT	180
GAAGCATACC	GAGGGGATAC	ATTCATAGGC	TATGTTTGTA	AATGTCCCCG	AGGATTTAAT	240
GGGATTCACT	GTCAGCACAA	CATAAATGAA	TGCGAAGTTG	AGCCTTGCAA	AAATGGTGGA	300
ATATGTACAG						310

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:28:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (\bar{A}) LENGTH: 2308 base pairs

 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: DNA (genomic)
- (ix) FEATURE:

 - (A) NAME/KEY: CDS (B) LOCATION: 549..1211

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:28:

GAATTCCGGG	AGGGAGGGTA	GGGGGGGGG	ccccccccc	CCAAAGCCAG	CTAGGCTCAG	60
TCTCACACGC	GCGCCGCCAC	TGTTTGTATA	TAGTGCGCTC	CTGGCCTCAG	GCTCGCTCCC	120
CTCCAGCTCT	CGCTTCATTG	TTCTCCAAGT	CAGAAGCCCC	CGCATCCGCC	GCGCAGCAGC	180
GTGAGCCGTA	GTCACTGCTG	GCCGCTTCGC	CTGCGTGCGC	GCACGGAAAT	CGGGGAGCCA	240
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GCGGGAGGAA	AGACGTCCTC	TTGATCTCTG	ACAGGGCGGG	GTTTACTGCT	GTCCTGCAGG	480
CGCGCCTCGC	CTACTGTGCC	CTCCGCTACG	ACCCCGGACC	AGCCCAGGTC	ACGTCCGTGA	540
GAAGGGATCA	TGAAGCACTT	GGTAGCAGCC	TGGCTTTTGG	TTGGACTCAG	CCTCGGGGTG	600
CCCCAGTTCG	GCAAAGGTGA	CATTTGCAAC	CCGAACCCCT	GTGAAAATGG	TGGCATCTGT	660
CTGTCAGGAC	TGGCTGATGA	TTCCTTTTCC	TGTGAGTGTC	CAGAAGGCTT	CGCAGGTCCG	720
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GA	CACATTCA	TAGGCTATGT	TTGTAAATGT	CCTCGGGGAT	TTAATGGGAT	TCACTGTCAG	900
CA	CAATATAA	ATGAATGTGA	AGCTGAGCCT	TGCAGAAATG	GCGGAATATG	TACCGACCTT	960
GT	TGCTAACT	ACTCTTGTGA	ATGCCCAGGA	GAATTTATGG	GACGAAATTG	TCAATATAAA	1020
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rg?	AGAGAATT	TTAATTCATA	GTGCCTTATA	TCCTCATCAG	CCATCTGACT	TTACTACAGA	1740
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\GC	CAAACAT	GAGAATCTAG	CTAACAGCAT	TTAGAAAACC	AGAACTAAGA	GTGTTACTGG	2160
ig <i>i</i>	ATTGCAT	TTAAATCCAG	TATGAGAGTT	TGCAAATGCC	GTATTCTTCT	AAGGGGTTTG	2220
'GC	CACATTT	TGTTACCATG	GAGTCCTCTG	TAAGAACTTT	attagataaa	TCATCTTTAC	2280
CI	TTTAATT	GAATAAAAGC	CGGAATTC				2308

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:29:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

 (A) LENGTH: 480 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:29:

Met Lys Arg Ser Val Ala Val Trp Leu Leu Val Gly Leu Ser Leu Gly 10

Val Pro Gln Phe Gly Lys Gly Asp Ile Cys Asp Pro Asn Pro Cys Glu Asn Gly Gly Ile Cys Leu Pro Gly Leu Ala Val Gly Ser Phe Ser Cys Glu Cys Pro Asp Gly Phe Thr Asp Pro Asn Cys Ser Ser Val Val Glu Val Ala Ser Asp Glu Glu Glu Pro Thr Ser Ala Gly Pro Cys Thr Pro Asn Pro Cys His Asn Gly Gly Thr Cys Glu Ile Ser Glu Ala Tyr Arg 85 90 95 Gly Asp Thr Phe Ile Gly Tyr Val Cys Lys Cys Pro Arg Gly Phe Asn Gly Ile His Cys Gln His Asn Ile Asn Glu Cys Glu Val Glu Pro Cys Lys Asn Gly Gly Ile Cys Thr Asp Leu Val Ala Asn Tyr Ser Cys Glu Cys Pro Gly Glu Phe Met Gly Arg Asn Cys Gln Tyr Lys Cys Ser Gly Pro Leu Gly Ile Glu Gly Gly Ile Ile Ser Asn Gln Gln Ile Thr Ala Ser Ser Thr His Arg Ala Leu Phe Gly Leu Gln Lys Trp Tyr Pro Tyr Tyr Ala Arg Leu Asn Lys Lys Gly Leu Ile Asn Ala Trp Thr Ala Ala Glu Asn Asp Arg Trp Lys Arg Trp Ile Gln Ile Asn Leu Gln Arg Lys Met Arg Val Thr Gly Val Ile Thr Gln Gly Ala Lys Arg Ile Gly Ser Pro Glu Tyr Ile Lys Phe Tyr Lys Ile Ala Tyr Ser Asn Asp Gly Lys Thr Trp Ala Met Tyr Lys Val Lys Gly Thr Asn Glu Asp Met Val Phe Arg Gly Asn Ile Asp Asn Asn Thr Pro Tyr Ala Asn Ser Phe Thr Pro Pro Ile Lys Ala Gln Tyr Val Arg Leu Tyr Pro Gln Val Cys Arg Arg 295 His Cys Thr Leu Arg Met Glu Leu Leu Gly Cys Glu Leu Ser Gly Cys Ser Glu Pro Leu Gly Met Lys Ser Gly His Ile Gln Asp Tyr Gln Ile Thr Ala Ser Ser Ile Phe Arg Thr Leu Asn Met Asp Met Phe Thr Trp Glu Pro Arg Lys Ala Arg Leu Asp Lys Gln Gly Lys Val Asn Ala Trp 355 360 365

Thr Ser Gly His Asn Asp Gln Ser Gln Trp Leu Gln Val Xaa Leu Leu 370 375 380

Val Pro Thr Lys Val Thr Gly Ile Ile Thr Gln Gly Ala Lys Asp Xaa 385 390 395 400

Gly His Val Gln Phe Val Gly Ser Tyr Lys Leu Ala Tyr Ser Asn Asp 405 410 415

Gly Glu His Trp Thr Val Xaa Gln Asp Glu Lys Gln Arg Lys Asp Lys 420 425 430

Val Xaa Gln Gly Asn Phe Asp Asn Asp Thr His Arg Lys Asn Val Ile
435 440 445

Asp Pro Pro Ile Tyr Ala Arg His Ile Arg Ile Leu Pro Trp Ser Trp 450 460

Tyr Gly Arg Ile Thr Leu Ala Ser Glu Leu Leu Gly Cys Thr Glu Glu 465 470 475

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

 An isolated nucleotide nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding protein which has 5 three EGF-like domains and two discoidin I/factor VIII-like domains.

- An isolated nucleic acid molecule, comprising a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under stringent
 conditions to a nucleic acid molecule having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19.
- An isolated nucleic acid molecule, comprising a nucleotide sequence that encodes a polypeptide having the
 amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 10 or its complement.
 - 4. An isolated nucleic acid molecule, comprising a nucleotide sequence that encodes a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 29 or its complement.

- 5. An isolated nucleic acid molecule, comprising a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 28 or its complement.
- 6. A recombinant DNA vector containing a nucleotide 25 sequence of Claim 2, 3, 4 or 5.
 - 7. A recombinant DNA vector containing a nucleotide sequence that encodes a Del-1 fusion protein.
- 30 8. The recombinant DNA vector of Claim 6 in which the del-1 nucleotide sequence is operatively associated with a regulatory sequence that controls the del-1 gene expression in a host cell.
- 9. The recombinant DNA vector of Claim 7 in which the del-1 fusion protein nucleotide sequence is operatively

associated with a regulatory sequence that controls the del-1 fusion protein gene expression in a host cell.

- 10. An engineered host cell that contains the 5 recombinant DNA expression vector of Claims 6, 7, 8 or 9.
 - 11. An engineered cell line that contains the recombinant DNA expression vector of Claim 8 and expresses Del-1.

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- 12. An engineered cell line that contains the recombinant DNA expression vector of Claim 9 and expresses Del-1 fusion protein.
- 15 13. The engineered cell line of Claim 11 or 12 which expresses the Del-1 on the surface of the cell.
- 14. The engineered cell line of Claim 11 or 12 that expresses the Del-1 as a soluble protein or fragments 20 thereof.
 - 15. A method for producing recombinant Del-1 comprising:
 - (a) culturing a host cell transformed with a recombinant DNA expression vector containing a nucleotide sequence that encodes a Del-1 protein; and
 - (b) recovering the Del-1 protein gene product from the cell culture.

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- 16. A method for producing recombinant Del-1 fusion protein, comprising:
- (a) culturing a host cell transformed with a recombinant DNA expression vector containing a nucleotide sequence that encodes a Del-1 fusion protein; and

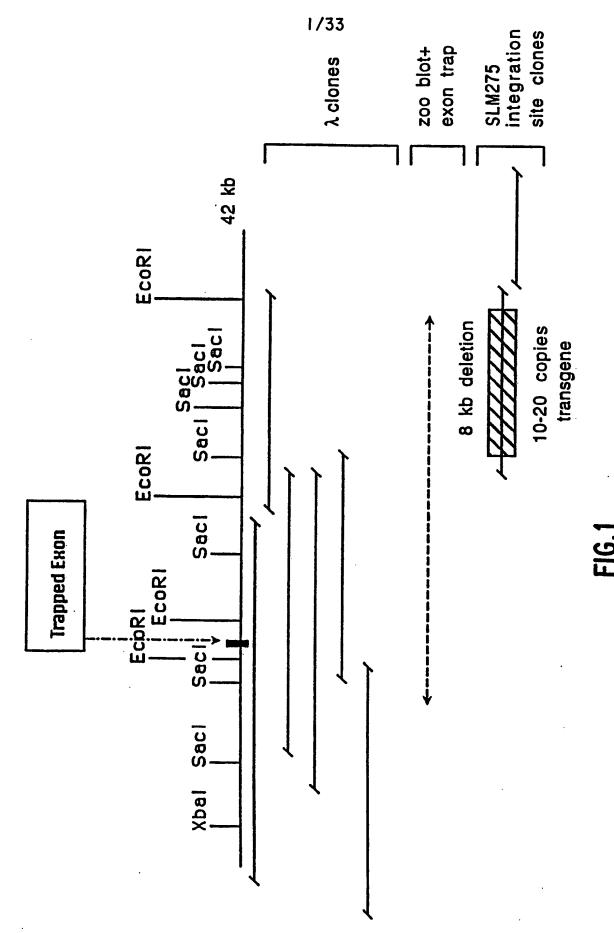
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- (b) recovering the Del-1 fusion protein from the cell culture.
- 17. An isolated recombinant Del-1 protein which has 5 three EGF-like domains and two discoidin I/factor VIII-like domains..
 - 18. A fusion protein comprising Del-1 linked to a heterologous protein or peptide sequence or portions thereof.
 - 19. An oligonucleotide which encodes an antisense sequence complementary to the *del-1* nucleotide sequence, and which inhibits translation of the *del-1* gene in a cell.
- 15 20. The oligonucleotide of Claim 19 which is complementary to a nucleotide sequence encoding the amino terminal region of the del-1.
- 21. An antibody which immunospecifically binds to an 20 epitope of the Del-1.
 - 22. The antibody of Claim 21 which is of monoclonal origin.
- 25 23. The antibody of Claim 22 which competitively inhibits the binding of a molecule to the Del-1.
 - 24. The antibody of Claim 22 which is linked to a cytotoxic agent.
 - 25. The antibody of Claim 22 which is linked to a radioisotope.
- 26. The antibody of Claim 22 which is anchored on a 35 solid support.
 - 27. The antibody of Claim 22 which is linked to biotin.

28. A method for screening and identifying antagonists of Del-1 comprising:

- (a) contacting a cell line that expresses Del-1 with a test compound; and
- 5 (b) determining whether the test compound inhibits the expression or function of Del1.
- 29. The method according to Claim 28 in which the cell 10 line is a genetically engineered cell line.
 - 30. The method according to Claim 28 in which the cell line endogenously expresses Del-1.
- 15 31. A method for screening and identifying a binding partner of Del-1 activity comprising:
 - (a) contacting Del-1 protein with a random peptide library such that Del-1 will recognize and bind to one or more peptide species within the library;
 - (b) isolating the Del-1 combination; and
 - (c) determining the sequence of the peptide isolated in step b.
- 25 32. The method according to Claim 31 in which the Del-1 protein is genetically engineered.
- 33. A method of detecting and isolating embryonic cells comprising incubating a cell mixture with an anti-Del-130 antibody, and isolating the antibody-bound cells.



WAVHODEKOR WEYRLKSSM WTQILYNG WITLKDGN WEMIMDSSKN WEMIMDSSKN	
<u> </u>	LPL LPL IPK
AKD FCDVLFVGSY KLAYSVDGEH ARN FGSVQFVASY KVAYSVDGEH XS LSSEMMYKSY TTGYSEQGYE KS LFTSMFVKEF LISSSDGHH SKE TKKYYFWKSY KVDISSNGED XH KENKVFMRKF KIGYSNNGTE RG -DADQMVTSY KIGYSNNGTE KAFV. SY KT, YS. DG	PETARFIRI L PELIR TRV L PELIR TRV R EVITRFVRL R PTITGFIRI II PTRARSIAI HI
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m-del1 h-MFG h-FV m-FV111 X-A5b1 X-A5b2 dis-1	m-del1 h-MFG h-FV m-FV111 X-A5b1 X-A5b2 dis-1

FIG. 2

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EcoRI	HpaI				·		
GAATTCCGGT	TAACTGAGGA	CAAAGGGTAA	TGCAGAAGTG	ATATTTGATT	TCCATTCTCA	60	
T		Dral					
I ICCCAG IGG	CCTTGATATT	TAAACTGATT	CCTGCCACCA	GGTCCTTGGG	CCACCCTGTC	120	
	EspBI	Sph I					
CCTGCGTCTC	ATATTICIGC	ATGCTGCTTT	GTTTGTATAT	AGTGCGCTCC	TGGCCTCAGG	180	
СТСССТСССС	TCCAGCTCTC	GCTTCATTGT	TCTCCAAGTC	AGAAGCCCCC	GCATCCGCCG	240	
BssHII							
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GGGGAGCCAG	GAACCCAAGG	AGCCGCCGTC	CGCCCGCTGT	GCCTCTGCTA	GACCACTCGC	360	
AGCCCCAGCC	TCTCTCAAGC	GCACCCACCT	CCGCGCACCC	CAGCTCAGGC	GAAGCTGGAG	420	
TGAGGGTGAA	TCACCCTTTC	TCTAGGGCCA	CCACTCTTTT	ATCGCCCTTC	CCAAGATTTG	480	
Eco47	7111	AatII					
AGAAGCGCTG	CGGGAGGAAA	GACGTCCTCT	TGATCTCTGA	CAGGGCGGGG	TTTACTGCTG	540	
Bs Pstl	ssHIII I						
~		TACTGTGCCC	TCCGCTACGA	CCCCGGACCA	GCCCAGGTCA	600	
	Bspl	HI					
CGTCCGTGAG	AAGGGATCAT M	GAAGCACTTG K H L	GTAGCAGCCT V A A W	GGCTTTTGGT L L V	TGGACTCAGC G L S	660	
CTCGGGGTGC L G V P		CAAAGGTGAC K G D	ATTTGCAACC I C N P		TGAAAATGGT E N G	720	

FIG.3A

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BspMI

GCCATCTGTC TGTCAGGACT GCCTGATGAT TCCTTTTCCT GTGAGTGTCC AGAAGGCTTC 780 G I C L S G L A D D S F S C E C P E G F.

BspMI

GCAGGTCCGA ACTGCTCTAG TGTTGTGGAG GTTGCATCAG ATGAAGAAAA GCCTACTTCA 840 A G P N C S S V V E V A S D E E K P T S

GCAGGTCCCT GCATCCCTAA CCCATGCCAT AACGGAGGAA CCTGTGAGAT AAGCGAAGCC 900
A G P C I P N P C H N G G T C E I S E A

TATCGAGGAG ACACATTCAT AGGCTATGTT TGTAAATGTC CTCGGGGATT TAATGGGATT 960 Y R G D T F I G Y V C K C P R G F N G I

CACTGTCAGC ACAATATAAA TGAATGTGAA GCTGAGCCTT GCAGAAATGG CGGAATATGT 1020 H C Q H N I N E C E A E P C R N G G I C

Bsml

ACCGACCTTG TTGCTAACTA CTCTTGTGAA TGCCCAGGAG AATTTATGGG ACGAAATTGT 1080 T D L V A N Y S C E C P G E F M G R N C

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Mscl

Pvull

Ball

CGACTTAATA AGAAGGGCCT TATAAATGCC TGGACAGCTG CTGAAAATGA CAGATGGCCA 1260 R L N K K G L I N A W T A A E N D R W P

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AAAAGGATTG GAAGCCCAGA GTACATAAAA TCCTACAAAA TTGCCTACAG CAATGACGGG 1380 K R I G S P E Y I K S Y K I A Y S N D G

FIG.3B

Bbs1 Earl

AAGACCTGGG CAATGTACAA AGTAAAAGGC ACCAATGAAG AGATGGTCTT TCGTGGAAAT 1440 K T W A M Y K V K G T N E E M V F R G N

Ndei

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ATCACTGCCT CCAGCGTCTT CAGAACACTC AACATGGACA TGTTTACTTG GGAACCAAGG 1680
I T A S S V F R T L N M D M F T W E P R

AAAGCCAGGC TGGACAAGCA AGGCAAAGTA AATGCCTGGA CTTCCGGCCA TAACGACCAG 1740 K A R L D K O G K V N A W T S G H N D Q

TCACAATGGT TACAGGTTGA TCTTCTTGTC CCTACTAAGG TGACAGGCAT CATTACACAA 1800 S Q W L Q V D L L V P T K V T G I I T Q

PmII

GGAGCTAAAG ATTITIGGTCA CGTGCAGTTT GTTGGGTCAT ACAAACTAGC TTACAGCAAT 1860 G A K D F G H V Q F V G S Y K L A Y S N

Apall

GATGGAGAAC ACTGGATGGT GCACCAGGAT GAAAAACAGA GGAAAGACAA GGTTTTTCAA 1920 D G E H W M V H Q D E K Q R K D K V F Q

GCCAATTTTG ACAATGACAC TCACAGGAAA AATGTCATCG ACCCTCCCAT CTATGCACGA 1980 G N F D N D T H R K N V I D P P I Y A R

FIG.3C

TICATAAGAA TCCTTCCTTG GTCCTGGTAT GGAAGGATCA CTCTGCGGTC AGAGCTGCTG 2040 F I R I L P W S W Y G R I T L R S E L L

Fspl

GGCTGCGCAG AGGAGGAATG AAGTGCGGGG CCGCACATCC CACAATGCTT TTCTTTATTT 2100 G C A E E E

TCCTATAAGT ATCTCCACGA AATGAACTGT GTGAAGCTGA TGGAAACTGC ATTTGTTTTT 2160

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GTGAGTTACT CTTCTTGTTC TCT

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FIG.3D

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тст	стт	9 TAG			18 CTC				CCA	Aga	36 ATT	TGT	TTA	45 ACA	AAG	GCG	54 TGA
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GGA	AAG	63 AGA		тст		TGA					90 GGG	CGG	AGT	99 CTG	CTG	CTG	108 CCC
G	K	R 117	-	S	S 100						G	R	S	Ŀ	L	L	P
TGC	GCT			TCG	GCT	ACA	CTG	CCC	TCC	GCG	ACG	ACC	CCT	153 GAC	CAG	CCG	162 GGG
С	Α	A 171		S	A 180		L		S		T 198		Р	D 207	Q	P	
TCA	CGT			GAC			ATG	AAG	CGC	TCG	GTA	GCC	GTC	TGG	СТС	TTG	216 GTC
S	R	P 225	G	D	G 234	I			R		V 252	Α	٧	W 261	L	L	V 270
GGG	CTC	AGC	CTC	GGT	GTC	CCC	CAG	TTC	GGC	AAA	GGT	GAT	ATT	TGT	GAT	CCC	AAT
G	L	S 279						297			306			315			324
CCA	TGT	GAA	AAT	GGA	GGT	ATC	TGT	TTG	CCA	GGA	TTG	CGT	GTC	GGC	TCC	Ш	TCC
	С	333	N		G 342			351			360			369		F	378
TGT	GAG	TGT	CCA	GAT	GGC	TTC	ACA	GAC	CCC	AAG	TGT	TCT	AGT	GTT	GTG	GAG	GTT
С	Ε	C 387	P	D	G 396	F			Р			S	-	V 423	V	E	V 432
GCA	TCA	GAT	GAA	GAA	GAA	CCA	ACT	TCA	GCA	GGT				CCT	AAT	CCA	TGC
Α	S	D 441	Ε	Ε	E 450	P		S 459			P 468	С	T	P 477	N	P	C 486
CAT	AAT	GGA	GGA	ACC	TGT	GAA	ATA	AGT	GAA	GCA	TAC	CGA	GGG	GAT	ACA	TTC	ATA
Н	N	G 495	G					513	•		522			531			I 540
GGC	TAT	GIT	IGI	AAA 	TGT	CCC	CGA	GGA	TTT	AAT	GGG	ATT	CAC	TGT	CAG	CAC	AAC
	Υ	549			558			567			576			585			594
ATA	AAT	GAA	TGC	GAA	GTT	GAG	CCT	TGC	AAA	AAT	GGT	GGA	ATA	TGT	ACA	GAT	CTT
Ι		603	С		612			621			630			639			L 648
GTT	GCT	AAC	TAT	TCC	TGT	GAG	TGC	CCA	GGC	GAA	тп	ATG	GGA	AGA	AAT	TGT	CAA
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TAC AAA TGC TCA GGC CCA CTG GGA ATT GAA GGT GGA ATT ATA TCA AAC CAG CAA Y K C S G P L G I E G G I I S N Q Q ATC ACA GCT TCC TCT ACT CAC CGA GCT CTT TTT GGA CTC CAA AAA TGG TAT CCC ITASSTHRALFGLQKWYP TAC TAT GCA CGT CTT AAT AAG AAG GGG CTT ATA AAT GCG TGG ACA GCT GCA GAA YYARLNKKGLINAWTAAE AAT GAC AGA TGG AAC CGG TGG ATT CAG ATA AAT TTG CAA AGA AAA ATG AGA GTT N D R W N R W I Q I N L Q R K M R V ACT GGT GTG ATT ACC CAA GGG GCC AAG AGG ATT GGA AGC CCA GAG TAT ATA AAA TGVITQGAKRIGSPEYIK TTC TAC AAA ATT GCC TAC AGT AAT GAT GGA AAG ACT TGG GCA ATG TAC AAA GTG F Y K I A Y S N D G K T W A M Y K V AAA GGC ACC AAT GAA GAC ATG GTG TTT CGT GGA AAC ATT GAT AAC AAC ACT CCA NEDMVFRGNIDNNTP KGT TAT GCT AAC TCT TTC ACA CCC CCC ATA AAA GCT CAG TAT GTA AGA CTC TAT CCC SFTPPIKAOYVRLYP CAA GTT TGT CGA AGA CAT TGC ACT TTG CGA ATG GAA CTT CTT GGC TGT GAA CTG O V C R R H C T L R M E L L G C E · L TCG GGT TGT TCT GAG CCT CTG GGT ATG AAA TCA GGA CAT ATA CAA GAC TAT CAG SEPLGMKSGHIODYO ATC ACT GCC TCC AGC ATC TTC AGA ACG CTC AAC ATG GAC ATG TTC ACT TGG GAA T T A S S I F R T L N M D M F T W F CCA AGG AAA GCT CGG CTG GAC AAG CAA GGC AAA GTG AAT GCC TGG ACC TCT GGC LDKQGKVN A W

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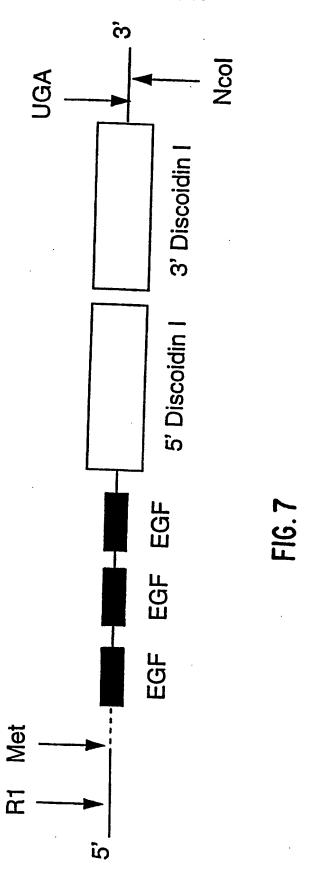
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TCC								GAT										
S					Y 1476			D 1485		_						-	D 1512	
GAA								TTC										
E		Q 1521						F 1539							D		н 1566	
AGA								ATC							ATC			
R		N 1575						I 1593						R 1611	I	L	P 1620	
TGG								TTG							TGC			
W		W 1629						L 1647						G 1665			E 1674	
GAG								CAC										
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FIG. 4C

10	20	30	40	50	60
GACAGATGGC	CATGGATTCA	GATAAATTTG	CAAAGAAAAA	TGAGAGTCAC	TGGTGTTATT
70	80	90	100	110	120
ACCCAAGGAG	CAAAAAGGAT	TGGAAGCCCA	GAGTACATAA	AATCCTACAA	AATTGCCTAC
130	140	150	160	170	180
AGCAATGACG	GGAAGACCTG	GGCAATGTAC	AAAGTAAAAG	GCACCAATGA	AGAGATGGTC
190	200	210	220	230	240
TTTCGTGGAA	ATGTTGATAA	CAACACACCA	TATGCTAATT	CTTTCACACC	CCCAATCAAA
250	260	270	280	290	300
GCTCAGTATG	TAAGACTCTA	CCCCCAAATT	TGTCGAAGGC	ATTGTACTTT	AAGAATGGAA
310	320	330	340	350	360
CTTCTTGGCT	GTGAGCTC				

FIG. 5

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	20	100	150	200	249 250	299 300	349 350	399 400	449 450	
1-j60	MKHLVAAWLLVGLSLGVPQFGKGDICNPNPCENGGICLSGLADDSFSCEC RS V D egf-2 P VG	PEGFAGPNCSSVVEVASDEEKPTSAGPCIPNPCHNGGTCEISEAYRGDTF D TD E T 99f-3	IGYVCKCPRGFNGIHCQHNINECEAEPCRNGGICTDLVANYSCECPGEFM V K	GRNCQYKCSGHLGIEGGIISNQQITASSNHRALFGLQKWYPYYARLNKKG P	LINAWTAAENDRWP-WIQINLQRKMRVTGVITQGAKRIGSPEYIKSYKIA NR +VTVG = "minor" F	YSNDGKTWAMYKVKGTNEEMVFRGNVDNNTPYANSFTPPIKAQYVRLYPQ D I	ICRRHCTLRMELLGCELSGCSEPLGMKSGHIQDYQITASSVFRTLNMDMF V discoidin-2	TWEPRKARLDKQGKVNAWTSGHNDQSQWLQVDLLVPTKVTGIITQGAKDF X	GHVQFVGSYKLAYSNDGEHWMVHQDEKQRKDKVFQGNFDNDTHRKNVIDP T X X X	PIYARFIRILPWSWYGRITLRSELLGCAEEE 480 H A T 481
	m-del-1 h-del-1	m-del-1 h-del-1	m-del-1 h-del-1	m-del-1 h-del-1	m-del-1 h-del-1	m-del-1 h-del-1	m-del-1 h-del-1	m-del-1 h-del-1	m-del-1 h-del-1	m-del-1 h-del-1



70 *** MRV .	140 IRL ** VRL 140	210 INA ** VNA 210	280 QGN 4 * * QGN 280	
60 70 MIQVNLLRKMRV *** ** ***** WIQINLQRKMRV 60 70	140 :AQY IRL *** ** :AQYVRL 140	210 SRLDNQGKINA *** *** ** ARLDKQGKVNA ARLDKQGKVNA	*** ***	
NVC * ** OIN	PTLE * PPIK	RLD **	QGSS * QRKL	
60 (PWI) ** (RWI) 60	130 NMFNPT * * * "NSFTPP 130	200 7H. GF 7KAF 200	270 ÉE(* ,	•
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ASNY ASNY AAEN	ONNS NNNS ***	RAF -RAF 40MF	3VQW 3EHW *	
50 IAWHAS R** * IAWTA/	120 EFLGNLDNNS * ** *** VFRGNIDNNT	190 (TWNLF * * (TLNMC	260 HSDDGV * ** 'SNDGE 260	
GIVN * * GLIN	KEFL * *	SSYK * SIFF	* * KLA)	ب ب
1 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 CSTQLGMEGGAIADSQISASYVYMGFMGLQRWGPELARLYRTGIVNAWHASNYD-SKPWIQVNLLRKMRV ** ** ** ** * ** ** ** ** ** ** ** **	1 80 100 110 130 140 SGVMTQGASRAGRAEYLKTFKVAYSLDG-RKFEFIQDESGGDKEFLGNLDNNSLKVNMFNPTLEAQYIRL * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	1 150 170 180 190 200 210 YPVSCHRGCTLRFELLGCELHGCLEPLGLKNNTIPDSQMSASSSYKTWNLRAFGWYPHLGRLDNQGKINA ** * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	.1 220 230 240 250 260 270 280 WTAQSNSAKEWLQVDLGTQRQVTGIITQGARDFGHIQYVESYKVAHSDDGVQWTVYEEQGSSKVFQGN ** * ***** * ***** * * ****** * * * *	320 LGC* *** LGCT 320
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ADSQ * SNQQ	RAEY ** SPEY	FELL *** MELL	23 WLQVDLGTQ ****** WLQVXLLVP 23	KPFM * PPIY
10 %	80 SRAG * * * KRIG 80	150 GCTLR **** HCTLR 150	220 AKEWL ** QSQWL 220	290 KNIFE ** KNVID 290
		16 HRG(* * * ; RRH(1 220 WTAQSNSAKB ** * WTSGHNDQS(290 SHKKNI * ** THRKNV
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FIG. 9

1)	CDPNPCENGGICLPGLAVGSESCECPDGFIDPNCS SVVEVASDEEEPISAGP
2)	CTPNPCHNGGTCEISEAYRGDTFIGYVCKCPRGFNGIHCQ HNINE
3)	CEVEPCKNGGICTDLVANYSCECPGEFMGRNCO YK

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FIG. 10

			9			18									45			54
5'	-GT	CAT	ATT	TGT	GAT	CCC	AAT	CCA	TGT	GAA	AAT	GGA	GGT	ATC	TGT	TTG	CCA	GGA
	X	D	I	С	D	Р	N	P	C	Ε	N	G	G	I	C	L	Р	G
			63			72			81			90			99			108
	TTG	GCT	GTA	GGT	TCC	Ш	TCC	TGT	GAG	TGT	CCA	GAT	GGC	TTC	ACA	GAC	CCC	AAC
	L	Α	٧	G	S	F	S	С	Ε	С	Р	D	G	F	T	D	P	N
			117			126			135			144			153			162
	TGT	TCT	AGT	GTT	GTG	GAG										CAT	AAT	
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	C	3	171	•	٧					_			14	-	_	• • •	14	
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	GGA	ACC	TGT	GAA	ATA	AGT	GAA	GCA	TAC	CGA	GGG	GAT	ACA	TTC	ATA	GGC	TAT	GTT
	G	T	С	Ε	I	S	Ε	Α	Y	R	G	D	T	F	I	G	Υ	٧
			225			234			243			252			216	•		270
	TGT	AAA	TGT														AAT	
	С	K	C	p	R	G	F	N	G	T	Н	C	Λ	н	N	ī	N	Ε
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	160	GAA	GTT	UAG	LLI	166	AAA	AAI	GG	GGA	AIA	IGI	ACA	G 3	•			
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FIG. 11

EcoRI			Sacli	Apai		
GAATTCCGGG	AGGGAGGGTA	CCCCCCCCCC	CCCCCGCGCCC	CCAAAGCCAG	CTAGGCTCAG	60
TCTCACACGC	GCGCCGCCAC	TGTTTGTATA	TAGTGCGCTC	CTGGCCTCAG	CGTCGCTCCC	120
CTCCAGCTCT	CGCTTCATTG	TTCTCCAAGT	CAGAAGCCCC	CGCATCCGCC	GCGCAGCAGC	180
GTGAGCCGTA	GTCACTGCTG	GCCGCTTCGC	CTGCGTGCGC	GCACGGAAAT	CGGGGAGCCA	240
GGAACCCAAG	GAGCCGCCGT	CCGCCCGCTG	TGCCTCTGCT	AGACCACTCG	CAGCCCCAGC	300
CTCTCTCAAG	CGCACCCACC	TCCGCGCACC	CCAGCTCAGG	CGAAGCTGGA	GTGAGGGTGA	360 17111
ATCACCCTTT	CTCTAGGGCC	ACCACTCTTT	TATCGCCCTT	CCCAAGATTT	_	420
	Aat I i				Pst	i.
GCGGGAGGAA	AGACGTCCTC	TTGATCTCTG	ACAGGGCGG	GTTTACTGCT	GTCCTGCAGG	480
CCCCCTCCC	CTACTGTGCC	CTCCGCTACG	ACCCCGGACC	AGCCCAGGTC	ACGTCCGTGA	540
Bs) HI					
GAAGGGATCA M	TGAAGCACTT K H L	GGTAGCAGCC V A A	TGGCTTTTGG W L L V	TTGGACTCAG G L S	CCTCGCGGTG L G V	600
CCCCAGTTCG PQFG	GCAAAGGTGA K G D	CATTTGCAAC I C N	CCGAACCCCT P N P C	GTGAAAATGG E N G	TGGCATCTGT G I C	660
			٠	BspMI		
CTCTCACCAC	TCCCTCATCA	TTCCTTTTCC	TOTOLOTOTO	▼.	0001007000	700
LIGICAGGAC	A D D	וועוווענ	TO TO ACTUAL	LAGAAGGCTT	CGCAGGTCCG	720

FIG.12A

BspMI

AACTGCTCTA GTGTTGTGGA GGTTGCATCA GATGAAGAAA AGCCTACTTC AGCAGGTCCC 780 N C S S V V E V A S D E E K P T S A G P

TGCATCCCTA ACCCATGCCA TAACGGAGGA ACCTGTGAGA TAAGCGAAGC CTATCGAGGA 840 C I P N P C H N G G T C E I S E A Y R G

GACACATTCA TAGGCTATGT TTGTAAATGT CCTCGGGGAT TTAATGGGAT TCACTGTCAG 900 D T F I G Y V C K C P R G F N G I H C Q

CACAATATAA ATGAATGTGA AGCTGAGCCT TGCAGAAAAG GCGGAATATG TACCGACCTT 960 H N I N E C E A E P C R N G G I C T D L

Bsml

GTTGCTAACT ACTCTTGTGA ATGCCCAGGA GAATTTATGG GACGAAATTG TCAATATAAA 1020 V A N Y S C E C P G E F M G R N C O Y K

TGCTCTGGGC ACTTGGGAAT CGAAGGTGGG ATCATATCTA ATCAGCAAAT CACAGCTTCA 1080 C S G H L G I E G G I I S N Q Q I T A S

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TCTAATCACC GAGCTCTTTT TGGACTCCAG AAGTGGTATC CCTACTATGC TAGACTTAAT 1140 S N H R A L F G L Q K W Y P Y Y A R L N

Nco I

Mscl

Pvull

Ball

AAGAAGGGCC TTATAAATGC CTGGACAGCT GCTGAAAATG ACAGATGGCC ATGGATTCAG 1200 K K G L I N A W T A A E N D R W P W I Q

GTAACAGTGG GATGAGACAA ATCCATTTCC CAAATTATCA GAATCATTAT AGAAGTAGGT 1260 V T V G

TAGGGAGAAT TGGCTGTGAT TCTTTCTCAT GGTTAAAATG TGATTTAGTT CAGAATTAAC 1320

FIG.12B

ATGGTTGGAA ACTCTAAAAA ATGTGGAAAA CAGGAACATT CTATGTCTGA AAATCTGAAA 1380

ATAGCATCAA GATGAAAACA TICTITAGIC ATAAATATAC ICTITTAAGI TATAGTAGAG 1440

Bgill

AAAAAGATCT TATCATTTCA TAAGTGGACT TTTGGGATAG CATTGGAAAT GTAAATGAAA 1500

Sspl

TAAATACCTA ATTGAAAAAA GTITATTCTA AAGTGTTAAT ATTTAGCAAC AGATTCAGAG 1560

ACAAGAAAGT AACAATTCAA TCTGTGTATT TTTTGTGAGA AATAGTTTCC CATGTGCAAA 1620

Fspl

BspHI

PstI

TATAAAGTGC GCATCATATC ATGATAATAT CCAACTGTCT GCAGAACTCC CTTTCATAAA 1680

TGAGAGAATT TTAATTCATA GTGCCTTATA TCCTCATCAG CCATCTGACT TTACTACAGA 1740

Nsil

AGAAAACAAT GAAATGATGC ATTAAGTGCT TTGCTAGAAG AAACATCATA GCAAAGCTGA 1800

Xhol

Hindlll

PaeR71

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Bcll

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CTTTAAGATA GTCACTAACA AGTCATTAGT AGCAGATACC AAATGGGAGA AAATTTCCAG 1980

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TATACTGAGG GTCAAGGCAG TCATGCTGAA ACTACATGAG GTCAGGAAAG TTTTGAAATA 2040

FIG.12C

AGGTGATTTT GGAAGGATAC CTTCAACTGG CCTAGATTTT CAAGAAACAG TGTAATCAAC 2100

AGCCAAACAT GAGAATCTAG CTAACAGCAT TTAGAAAACC AGAACTAAGA GTGTTACTGG 2160

Drai

GGAATTGCAT TTAAATCCAG TATGAGAGTT TGCAAATGCC GTATTCTTCT AAGGGGTTTG 2220

Ncol

TGCCACATTT TGTTACCATG GAGTCCTCTG TAAGAACTTT ATTAGATAAA TCATCTTTAC 2280

EcoRI

ACTATAATTT GAATAAAGC CGGAATTC

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FIG.12D

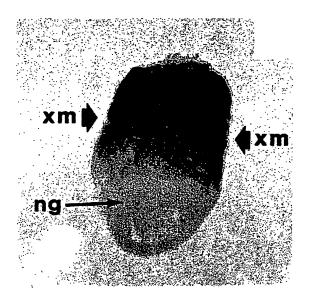


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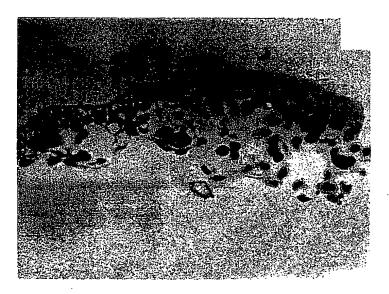


FIG.13B



FIG.13C

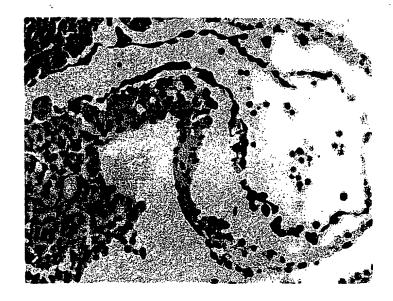


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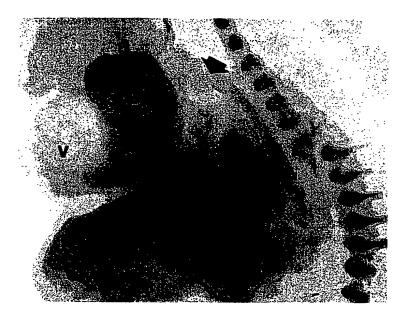


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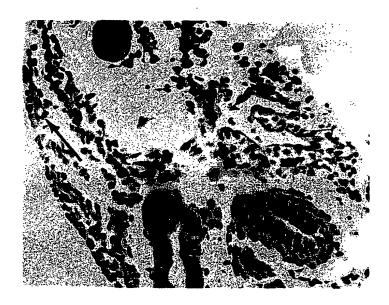


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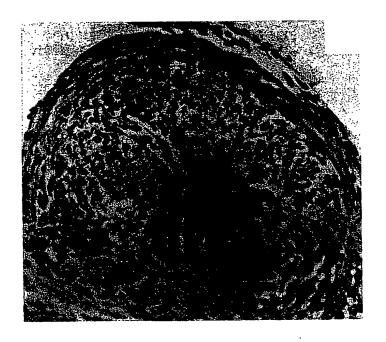
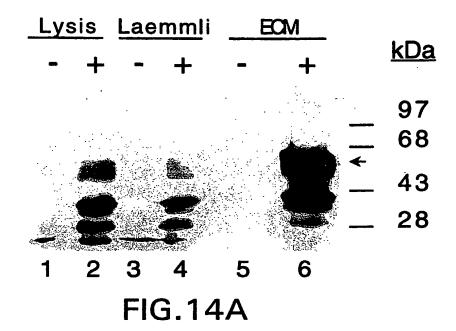


FIG.13G



FIG.13H



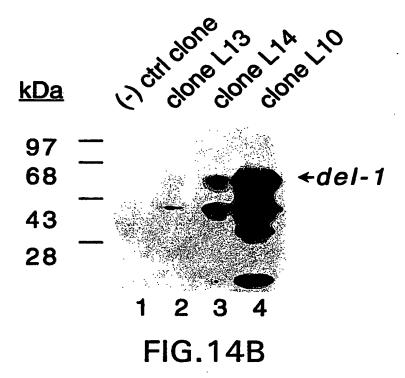




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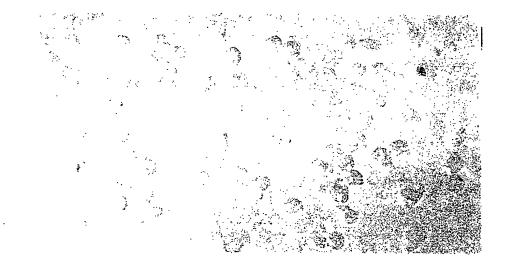
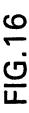


FIG.15B





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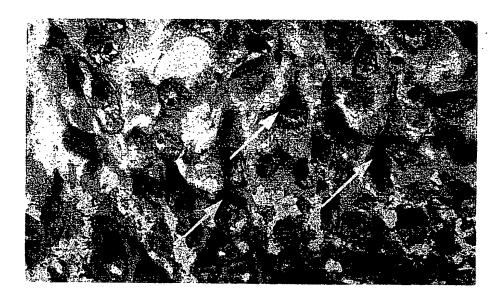


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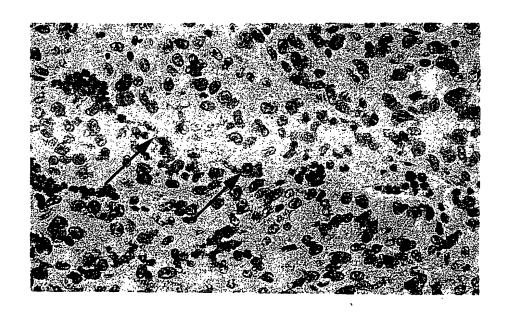


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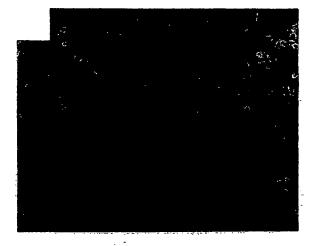


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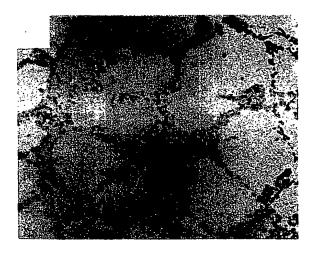


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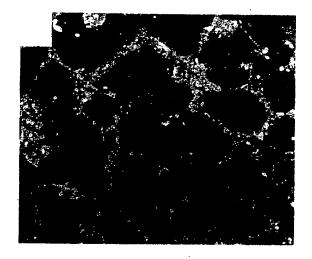


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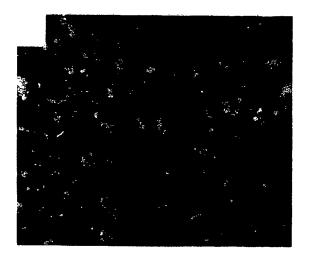


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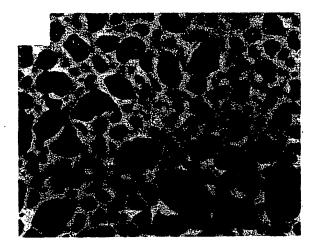


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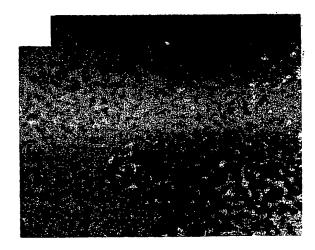


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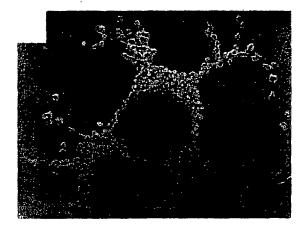


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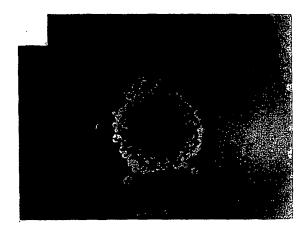


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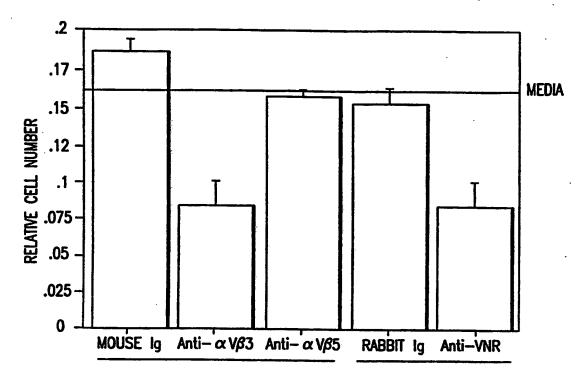
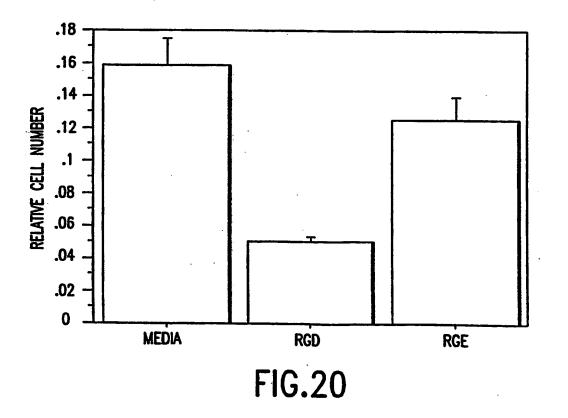


FIG.19



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FIG.21A

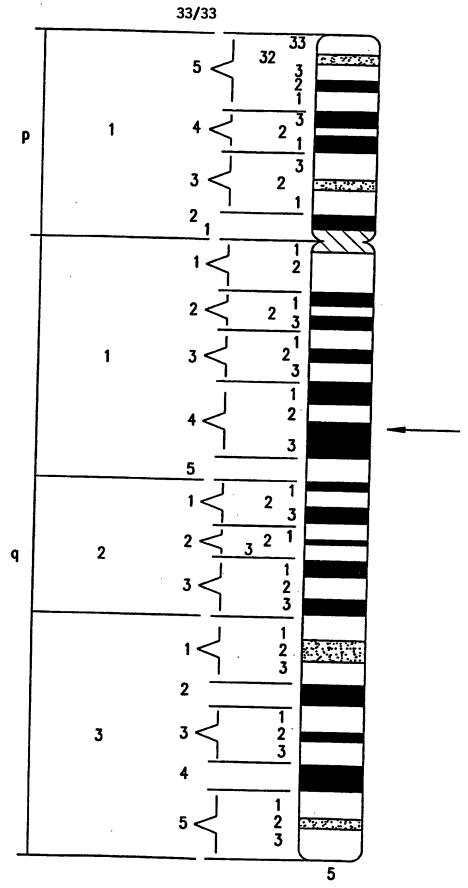


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